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FOREWORD

The agricultural sector of our economy has suffered a dramatic downturn in this decade. Although the new global marketplace of the 1980's opened doors of opportunity in some sectors of our Nation, America's farmers have suffered from low commodity prices and declining land values.

Profound economic changes have strained the fabric of our agricultural communities. Farm families have struggled bravely to make the transitions required of them. Many who have remained on their farms are in need of credit restructuring, legal counseling, farm management assistance, and sources of supplemental off-farm income. Others, who have left farming altogether, are in need of stress management assistance, job training and placement services.

I believe that it is the role of responsive government to assist farmers who are undergoing difficult transitions in these hard times. A small investment to stabilize our agricultural communities can yield great returns in more productive farmers and more productive rural workers. Many farmers, however, are unaware of assistance programs which are currently available. It was with this in mind that the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry last year contracted with the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont to compile this Directory of Programs for Distressed and Displaced Farmers.

This Directory is an important step toward making government more effective by coordinating Federal, State and local programs aimed at our farmers and rural citizens. The Directory is not intended as an exhaustive listing of assistance programs. Some programs listed will have changed location or focus by the time this Directory is printed and disseminated. I hope that a future effort will advance the comprehensiveness and usefulness of the Directory in a second edition or as part of a new, broader program directory.

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is proud to publish this Directory in a first effort to disseminate this information more widely. I would like to commend Mr. Fred Schmidt, Director of the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont, Mr. David Clavelle, consultant to the Center, and Ms. Megan Walsh Felz, Research Assistant at the Center, for their efforts in compiling this Directory. I am confident that distressed farmers and interested program administrators across the country will soon reap the benefits of their compilation labors.

PATRICK J. LEAHY, *Chairman.*

DIRECTORY OF PROGRAMS FOR DISTRESSED
AND
DISPLACED FARMERS
AS A RESPONSE TO THE FARM CRISIS

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PROJECT SUMMARY

In the last few years, as a result of the severe downturn in the economic condition of our Nation's agricultural sector, thousands of farmers have gone out of business and thousands still remain in serious financial shape. The "farm crisis," as this situation is commonly referred to, has brought considerable economic and personal hardship to farm families and rural communities all across this country, especially in the Midwest and South.

This report concentrates not on the nature of the crisis, but rather on the programs that have been developed in response to it. Many studies have been written recently describing in detail the reasons for the crisis, the nature of its impact, and possible solutions. Interested persons should refer to the attached bibliography for additional reading on this subject.

In an effort to provide local and Federal officials with a better understanding of how the various sectors of our society have attempted to address the "crisis," the Center for Rural Studies entered into a contract with the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, to prepare a Directory of Programs from around the country that serve distressed and displaced farm and ranch families. The attached Directory of 227 programs presents a well-balanced mixture of programs from different geographical areas and of various program emphases.

The Directory is arranged alphabetically by the two letter abbreviation of each State (i.e., Alaska—AK, Alabama—AL), and is presented in a uniform format for easy reference and updating. Each program has been assigned a record number. Also, all programs have been identified by both the type of the administering agency (agency type) and the focus or emphasis of the program services (program type). Included below are descriptions of program format, agency and program types. Also included are a program type reference chart and a State reference chart.

In compiling this Directory, the Center contacted all State Departments of Agriculture and all State Cooperative Extension Services. The Center conducted telephone interviews with many program providers, Federal and State officials, researchers, advocacy organizations and key contact people in an effort to identify as many various programs as possible, especially those at the grassroots level and those not administered by a governmental agency. This latter exercise was extremely important in order to capture the overwhelming response and concern that has been shown by rural people as they fight to save their way of life and help their neighbors in a time of desperate need. As a supplement to the above work, an extensive literature review was conducted from governmental publications, materials from Bailey Howe Library at the University of Vermont, and through a computerized literature search using *Agricola*, *CRI*, and *Sociological Abstracts* reference systems.

Even after all these steps, the Center recognized that some programs may not have been included in this Directory. Any exclusions were done unintentionally and because the Center either never received any information about a particular program or received information after the publication deadline. The Center for Rural Studies is maintaining an ongoing file for future incorporation into this Directory. It is our intention that the computerized directory should serve as the basis for a more exhaustive nationwide directory that would be maintained and updated annually. The considerable interest we encountered while developing this Directory would seem to justify such a commitment by the Federal Government, and would only serve to enhance the appropriateness and success of future program development at all levels of government.

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to the Center for Rural Studies, 25 Hills Building, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405, (802) 656-3021.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM FORMAT

PROGRAM NAME:	The program or the name of the agency sponsoring the program.
ADDRESS:	The address of the program, but if unavailable, the address of the agency sponsoring the program is provided.
PHONE:	Can include two phone numbers for the program or the sponsoring agency.
CONTACT:	The name of the program director; or if unavailable, the contact person at the sponsoring agency.
TITLE:	Formal title of the contact person listed in the field above.
SPONSORS:	Names of the agency(s) who are sponsoring the program. In many cases it can be more than one agency (multiagency effort).
PROGRAM TYPE:	The need being addressed by the program, the target group being served, and the services being provided. See the attached definition for each of the 18 program types.
FUNDING:	The different sources of funding for the program, where available.
AGENCY TYPE:	Identifies the administrative agency by its institutional or organizational affiliation. See the attached definitions for the eight different types of agencies providing programs for distressed and displaced farmers.
DESCRIPTION:	A short narrative of the focus of the program, with special emphasis on identifying the specific services provided and needs addressed.
MATERIALS:	Lists information available to the public and its format.

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM TYPES

(1) ***Advocacy***—Programs whose efforts are geared to affect public policy on behalf of family farmers and rural communities. Does not include legal assistance or mediation efforts. Programs operated by governmental agencies would not qualify under this program definition.

(2) ***Community Education***—Programs which provide educational information aimed at the general public. May include workshops, conferences, public meetings, publications, media programs, et cetera.

(3) ***Counseling***—Programs which offer personal counseling assistance to individual farmers, farm families, and farm workers. Such assistance may be provided by phone, one-on-one, or in a group support environment.

(4) ***Credit***—Programs of this type include agricultural loan and debt restructuring programs. It also includes creditor/farmer mediation programs, and legal and educational programs regarding credit, bankruptcy, and foreclosures.

(5) ***Economic Development***—Programs which strive to increase the overall economic vitality of rural communities. Although not limited to agricultural development, these programs often focus on the production and processing of agricultural products.

(6) ***Farm Management***—Programs include those designed to improve the overall management of agricultural operations. Includes programs regarding financial management, computers, production, and processing.

(7) ***Farmworkers***—Programs designed to address the needs of farmworkers as part of the overall response to the farm crisis. Program focus is often on job training and placement, but other needs can be addressed.

(8) ***Hotline***—Programs which provide either a toll free, collect, or paid hotline service as a primary method of access and outreach to program participants.

(9) ***Human Services***—Programs include direct personal assistance for food, health care, shelter, utilities, clothing, and other emergency needs.

(10) ***Job Training and Placement***—Programs, often funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, which provide educational counseling, job skill development, and placement services for rural and/or farm families. They do not include efforts to improve farm management skills or marketing efforts.

(11) ***Legal Assistance***—Programs which provide either direct or indirect legal assistance, referral, and information services. Mediation programs are included in this program type.

(12) ***Marketing***—Programs which strive to improve the marketability of local agricultural products, through promotion, packaging, processing, and market identification.

(13) ***Off-Farm Income***—Programs intended to generate off-farm income opportunities for farm families. These programs are to supplement, not replace, existing on-farm income. Job training and placement programs (JTPA) for displaced farm families are not included in this program type.

(14) ***Referral***—Programs which direct participants to the appropriate resources for their identified needs. Referral may be by media, phone, mail, in person, or through the publication of a resource/referral directory.

(15) ***Stress Management***—Programs which are designed specifically for stress management assistance and not for general personal counseling.

(16) ***Supplemental Farm Income***—Programs intended to assist farm families in improving on-farm income through alternative crops or alternative business ventures. Can be designed for any member of the farm family.

(17) ***Women***—Programs which are designed for rural women, and especially for farm women. Program foci can vary.

(18) ***Youth***—Programs directed at either elementary or high school students who are affected by the farm crisis. No restriction on program focus (i.e., educational, counseling, stress management, et cetera.)

DESCRIPTION OF AGENCY TYPES

The agency type identified in this category is for the agency(s) administering the program, and not for agencies providing funding for or sponsoring a program unless they are the same as the administering agencies.

(1) ***Local***—Includes local, county, or regional governmental agencies.

(2) ***State***—Includes any State government agency, commission or board.

(3) ***Federal***—Includes any Federal agency. This Directory does not focus on federally administered programs (i.e., FmHA loan programs). Local and State programs with Federal funding are listed as local or State as their agency type.

(4) ***University***—Includes any university, college, community college, vocational school, or high school that administers a farm crisis related program. It does not include Extension Service agencies.

(5) ***Extension***—Includes State Extension Service agencies only.

(6) ***Church***—Includes any church/religious affiliated agencies.

(7) ***Nonprofit***—Includes all private nonprofit agencies except church agencies.

(8) ***Private***—Includes all private-for-profit businesses.

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The following pages contain the program type reference chart. This chart is designed to assist the reader in locating all of the programs in this report of a particular program type. The program type appears as the heading on each page, followed by State and record number.

The program type headings appear as follows:

- Advocacy
- Community Education
- Counseling
- Credit
- Economic Development
- Farm Management
- Farmworker
- Hotline
- Human Services
- Job Training and Placement
- Legal Assistance
- Marketing
- Off-Farm Income
- Referral
- Stress Management
- Supplemental Income
- Women
- Youth

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ALASKA

Record No. 1

PRODUCTION CREDITS PROGRAM

Address: Alaska Department of Natural Resources/Division of Agriculture, P.O. Box 949, Palmer, AK 99645.

Phone No.: (907) 745-7000.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Alaska Division of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program provides agricultural production credits on 10 percent of the total sales by a farmer for the years 1986–88. These credits are applied against interest due on specified agricultural loans and interest due on the sale of specified agricultural land.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 2

REORGANIZATION OF PRIVATE DEBT PROGRAM

Address: Alaska Department of Natural Resources/Division of Agriculture, P.O. Box 949, Palmer, AK 99645.

Phone No.: (907) 745-7200.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Alaska Division of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program authorizes the state to accept the relinquishment of agriculture land purchased by a farmer in a delta project and to credit the percentage of the debt owed to the State by that farmer. The State may then allow a farmer to lease all or part of that relinquished land at full fair market value.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 3

RESTRUCTURING OF DEBT PROGRAM

Address: Alaska Department of Natural Resources/Division of Agriculture, P.O. Box 949, Palmer, AK 99645.

Phone No.: (907) 745-7200.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Alaska Division of Agriculture.

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Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a debt restructuring program for ARLF loans. The goal is to encourage farmers to continue operating and to minimize loss to the loan fund. A detailed description of the restructuring process can be obtained from the agency.

Materials: NA.

ALABAMA

Record No. 4

LAND ASSISTANCE FUND

Address: Federation of Southern Co-Ops, P.O. Box 95, Epes, AL 35460.

Phone No.: (800) 358–0488.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, credit, farm management, counseling, human services, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency provides a variety of programs for small farmers and low income rural residents in rural southern communities. A crisis relief hotline is operated for emergency assistance (food, shelter, counseling, et cetera). Services include financial counseling, legal assistance from volunteer lawyers on bankruptcy, wills, eminent domain, loan packaging, debt restructuring, fundraising, marketing, management, and assisting farmers with FmHA hearings. This agency also serves Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, and South Carolina.

Materials: Land loss manual, helpful tips for FmHA borrowers.

Record No. 5

ALABAMA FARM CRISIS AND TRANSITION PROGRAM

Address: 1445 Federal Drive, P.O. Box 3336, Montgomery, AL 36193.

Phone No.: (205) 261–2860

Contact: John Gamble

Title: Program Director.

Sponsors: State of Alabama.

Program Type: Hotline, farm management, counseling, referral, legal assistance, stress management, credit, job training and placement.

Funding: State of Alabama, ACTION, Alabama Farm Bureau Federation.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a comprehensive statewide program initiated by the State of Alabama in April 1986 to assist farmers and farm families. The purpose of the program is to coordinate and utilize the resources of all government agencies, organizations, and individuals to address the farm crisis. The program operates a hotline referral service with a paid staff serving a 15

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county area. Trained professionals help farmers develop an "action plan" and trained volunteers provide support and guidance through referral work and one-on-one casework. Subject areas that are focused include legal alternatives, financial analysis, tax, farm management and evaluation, stress management, skill evaluation, job training and placement.

Materials: Educational materials: Federal tax considerations, debtor-creditor relationships, and bankruptcy.

ARKANSAS

Record No. 6

FARM FAMILY SUPPORT PROJECT

Address: P.O. Box 1188, Little Rock, AR 72203.
Phone No.: (501) 375–2474.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: Dan C. Eubanks.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, counseling, and advocacy.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline and referral service for farmers in the State. A list of private attorneys and legal services attorneys is available.

Materials: Education materials.

Record No. 7

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL MOVEMENT

Address: P.O. Box 950, Des Arc, AR 72040.
Phone No.: (501) 256–4766.
Contact: Harvey Joe Sanner.
Title: State president.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Community education, credit, and advocacy.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This is a farm advocacy organization which has conducted seminars on farm credit law issues and is involved in organizing and lobbying efforts at State and Federal levels.

Materials: NA.

ARIZONA

Record No. 8

ARIZONA ECUMENICAL COUNCIL

Address: 1226 W. Osborn, Phoenix, AZ 85013.
Phone No.: (602) 279–8228.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.

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Program Type: Hotline, referral.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Church.
Description: This agency serves as a referral agency for farm families and others in identifying the appropriate source of assistance to meet their needs.
Materials: NA.

CALIFORNIA

Record No. 9

CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR RURAL STUDIES

Address: P.O. Box 530, Davis, CA 95617.
Phone No.: (916) 756-6555.
Contact: Elizabeth Martin.
Title: Project Director.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Community education, research.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.
Description: This organization conducts research, sponsors community events, organizes rural residents, and publishes materials on rural issues. Topics include farm credit, farm structure and ownership, toxics, and others.
Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 10

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY FARMERS

Address: P.O. Box 363, Davis, CA 99617.
Phone No.: (916) 796-7420.
Contact: Tom Haller.
Title: Executive Director.
Sponsors: NA
Program Type: Community education, referral.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.
Description: The Association offers a referral service for farmers for financial, legal, and emotional counseling services. The Association is currently lobbying for compulsory mediation laws in California.
Materials: NA.

COLORADO

Record No. 11

COLORADO COALITION TO SAVE RURAL AMERICA

Address: P.O. Box 231, Otis, CO 80743.
Phone No.: (303) 246-3414.
Contact: Bud Mekelburg.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.

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Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, human services, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency offers a hotline and referral service for all rural residents and is especially focused on food, money, and legal assistance needs. Some help with mediation is offered.

Materials: Legal education materials.

CONNECTICUT

Record No. 12

CONNECTICUT GROWN

Address: Connecticut Department of Agriculture, State Office Building, Hartford, CT 06106.

Phone No.: (203) 566-3671.

Contact: Jane Murdock.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Office of the Commissioner—Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Marketing and community education.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a State run program consisting of market promotion efforts of Connecticut grown agricultural products, including television public service announcements and point of purchase promotions to heighten consumer awareness.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 13

AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Address: Joint Council on Economic Education, University of Connecticut, Bishop Center U-55, Storrs, CT 06268.

Phone No.: (203) 486-2327.

Contact: Dr. Thomas Duncan.

Title: Coordinator.

Sponsors: University of Connecticut.

Program Type: Youth and community education.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: University.

Description: The goal of this program is to introduce agricultural information into existing school curriculum. A curriculum package for 4–6 grade teachers has been developed.

Materials: Ag in the classroom treasure chest curriculum package.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Record No. 14

GREEN THUMB INC.

Address: National Farmers Union, 600 Maryland Ave., SW., # 202, Washington, DC 20024.

Phone No.: (202) 554–1600.

Contact: Ruth Kobell.

Title: Legislative Assistant.

Sponsors: National Farmers Union.

Program Type: Counseling, job training, and placement.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Private.

Description: This program assists financially needy and unemployed farmers over 55 years old, offering career counseling, job training, and placement services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 15

FAMILY FARM DEFENSE FUND

Address: 1334 G Street NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20005.

Phone No.: (202) 639–8708.

Contact: Roger Blobaum.

Title: Executive Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Legal assistance and advocacy.

Funding: Farm aid and private contributions.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: Organized in 1985, this program provides free legal help for farm and ranch families. The agency initiates litigation, provides advice and training for lawyers, advocates handling debt problems, conducts studies, serves as back-up center for lawyers in credit-related cases, and participates in rulemaking procedures of FmHA and other credit-related agencies.

Materials: NA.

DELAWARE

Record No. 16

FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CENTER

Address: Delaware Cooperative Extension, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717.

Phone No.: (302) 451–1323.

Contact: Jerry Vaughn.

Title: Coordinator.

Sponsors: University of Delaware and Delaware State College.

Program Type: Farm management, stress management, off-farm income, marketing, and job training and placement.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program helps farm families improve their financial position through: (1) Programs on developing management skills and realistic

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business goals; (2) Programs on family goal setting, budgeting, decision-making, communication and managing family stress; (3) Programs for establishing recordkeeping systems to determine accurate costs of production; (4) Education on computer aided marketing decisions; (5) DELCROPS and FINPACK computer programs to analyze crop and livestock alternatives and farm records for planning cash-flow, year-end analysis and local trend projections; and (6) Programs to assist farmers in using personal computers. This program also assists farmers in identifying and evaluating alternatives to farming and coping with the transition to a new career or job.

Materials: Farm financial profile.

Record No. 17

STRESS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Address: Delaware Cooperative Extension, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717.

Phone No.: (302) 451-2538.

Contact: Dr. Patricia Turner.

Title: Specialist.

Sponsors: University of Delaware and Delaware State College.

Program Type: Stress management and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This multifaceted program offers customized workshops, one-on-one assistance, and a newsletter series designed to help farm families become more confident and successful in managing stress.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

FLORIDA

Record No. 18

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Address: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, The Capitol, Tallahassee, FL 32399.

Phone No.: (904) 488-3022.

Contact: Clifton F. Savay.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

Program Type: Referral, economic development, supplemental farm income, and marketing.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a 2-year pilot program started in 1987 aimed at coordinating efforts of State and local agencies, educational institutions, private organizations, and citizens to develop new employment and business opportunities in agriculture. This is a community-oriented program dependent on local ideas, leadership, and effort.

Materials: NA.

GEORGIA

Record No. 19

SMALL LANDOWNERS INFORMATION PROGRAM (SLIP)

Address: Cooperative Extension Program, Fort Valley State College, Fort Valley, GA 31030.

Phone No.: (912) 825–6297.

Contact: Dr. Glenwood Hill.

Title: Program Leader, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Program.

Program Type: Legal assistance, credit, human services, farm management, referral, and marketing.

Funding: Fort Valley State College.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program is designed to assist distressed farmers with a specific interest on minority participation. A series of small group and one-on-one programs were offered and educational materials provided. SLIP agents assist farmers in evaluating and improving farm financial management and operations skills, obtaining emergency livestock feed, acquiring medical, food, and energy assistance, understanding and obtaining legal assistance, and improving harvesting/marketing activities.

Materials: Education materials, a farm legal affairs series on adverse possession, eminent domain and condemnation, wills, and tax sale.

Record No. 20

GEORGIA FARMERS HOTLINE

Address: Agriculture Building, Capitol Square, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Phone No.: (800) 282–5852.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Georgia Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and counseling.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a State-sponsored hotline/referral service to help farmers utilize existing services for job counseling, testing, and personal and family counseling.

Materials: NA.

Note.—This program is no longer in existence.

Record No. 21

SURVIVAL OPTIONS FOR SMALL AND FAMILY FARMS

Address: Rep. Diane H. Johnson, P.O. Box 5544, Savannah, GA 31414.

Phone No.: (912) 232–3695.

Contact: Rep. Diane H. Johnson.

Title: State Representative.

Sponsors: State.

Program Type: Community education.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

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Description: This is a public policies and issues discussion series for Georgia leaders and constituents sponsored under the Capitol Forum Series by the Georgia House Agriculture and Consumer Affairs Committee.

Materials: NA.

IOWA

Record No. 22

LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION OF IOWA FARM PROJECT

Address: 106 North Market, Ottumwa, IA 52501.
Phone No.: (515) 683-3166.
Contact: James F. Elliott.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Legal assistance and credit.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This project provides legal advice and representation for farmers in foreclosure, credit access, FmHA, replevins, universal commercial code, and repossession, as well as community legal education events to inform farmers of their rights.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 23

RURAL CONCERN

Address: 700 6th Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50309.
Phone No.: (1-800) 447-1985 in-State; (515) 281-7708.
Contact: Fran Phillips.
Title: Program Coordinator.
Sponsors: ISU Cooperative Extension Service.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, and counseling.
Funding: State.
Agency Type: Cooperative Extension.

Description: This hotline has trained operators to provide information on local as well as State resources in response to farm and family financial problems, legal problems, job searches, and basis needs for food, fuel, shelter, and medical access.

Materials: None.

Record No. 24

FARM SURVIVAL HOTLINE

Address: c/o Iowa Farm Unity Coalition, 550 11th Street, Des Moines, IA 50309.
Phone No.: (515) 244-5671.
Contact: Pete Brent.
Title: NA.

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Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, credit, referral, counseling, advocacy, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: The staff and volunteers respond to a broad range of questions, from bankruptcy issues to emotional stress issues and assume an advocacy role on behalf of the callers. In addition hotline staff have assisted local communities in forming bank response teams.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 25

HANDS ON

Address: Iowa Commission on the Status of Women, Lucas Building Capitol Complex, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Phone No.: (515) 281–3403.

Contact: Bette Crumrine.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Iowa Commission on the Status of Woman.

Program Type: Job training and placement and women.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type:NA.

Description: Utilizing the displaced homemaker coordinators to assist in planning and computer labs at community colleges, the Iowa Commission on the Status of Women conducts workshops for rural women 54 years old or older. Approximately 70 percent of the participants go on to further training or are linked with Small Business Administration for entrepreneurship possibilities.

Materials: Computer labs.

Record No. 26

NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

Address: Iowa Annual Conference of United Methodist Church, 1019 Chestnut, Des Moines IA, 50309.

Phone No.: (515) 283–91.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Iowa Annual Conference of United Methodist Church.

Program Type: Human services.

Funding: Private donations.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: The Iowa Annual Conference of United Methodist Churches has responded with an emergency fund. Requests for food, clothing, and shelter are the most frequent. However, the number of requests for help with utility payments and health care assistance follow close behind. Special collections are taken up on a yearly basis.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 27

RURAL ACTION CENTER

Address: Southwestern Community College, 1501 West Townline Road, Creston, IA 50801.

Phone No.: (515) 782–7081, Ext. 246.

Contact: Pat Butcher.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Legal assistance, referral, job training and placement.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: The Center provides access to representatives through the Extension's Assistance Program, and access to legal services, as well as referral information on a broad range of personal and financial problems.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 28

VISTA RURAL PROJECTS

Address: ACTION, Iowa State Office, Room 339, 210 Walnut, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Phone No.: (515) 284–4816.

Contact: Susan Ditto.

Title: Program Specialist.

Sponsors: Iowa State ACTION Office.

Program Type: Human services and counseling.

Funding: Federal.

Agency Type: Federal.

Description: In Iowa 22 counties are served by VISTA whose primary mission is to meet emergency needs and provide emotional and financial counseling. The northwest Iowa VISTA Program has established rural cooperatives for crafts and a large rural renaissance fair.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 29

RURAL DIVERSIFIED ENTERPRISE CENTER

Address: Kirkwood Community College, 6301 Kirkwood Blvd., SW., Box 2068, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406

Phone No.: (319) 398–5609

Contact: Larry Statler

Title: NA

Sponsors: Kirkwood Community College.

Program Type: Supplemental farm income.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: This Center conducts workshops, seminars, and conferences to assist farm families in developing resources on the farm. The emphasis is on teaching farm families how to diversify.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 30

FARM/CAP WORKSHOPS

Address: Des Moines Area Community College, 2006 S. Ankeny Blvd., Ankeny, IA 50021.

Phone No.: (515) 964–6249.

Contact: Joe Harper.

Title: Farm/Cap Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Job training and placement.

Funding: Des Moines Area Community College, and Iowa Department of Employment.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: The Farm/Cap system provides the structure for several dislocated farmer programs. A career planning component helps individuals assess their interests, skills, abilities, experiences, and values as they relate to career and life options. A job search component helps participants develop effective job search skills. Job placement services are also included.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 31

MENTAL HEALTH ASSISTANCE FOR FARM CRISIS VICTIMS PROJECT

Address: Southwest Iowa Mental Health, 1408 East 10th, Atlantic, IA 50022.

Phone No.: (712) 243–2606.

Contact: Michael R. Rosemann.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Southwest Iowa Mental Health.

Program Type: Counseling, stress management, community education, and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: This project is designed to: (1) Identify and assist in the treatment or retraining of distressed rural people; (2) Treat the increased caseload of people needing mental health assistance; and (3) Develop support groups, educational seminars, and stress management workshops.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 32

STEP AHEAD IN FARMING ENTHUSIASTICALLY (SAFE) PROGRAM

Address: Iowa Western Community College, Box 4–C, Council Bluffs, IA 51502.

Phone No.: (712) 325–3381.

Contact: Harold R. Swanson.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Iowa Western Community College.

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Program Type: Farm management and marketing.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: SAFE is the third component to the Farm/Cap system. A family and farm financial management training program offers training in net worth and cash-flow assessment, marketing studies, and long-term planning.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 33

COMPUTER NETWORKING AND TECHNICAL UPDATING

Address: Iowa Lakes Community College, 3200 College Drive, Emmetsburg, IA 50536.

Phone No.: (712) 852–3554; Ext. 277.

Contact: Burlin H. Matthews.

Title: Farm Management Instructor/Coordinator.

Sponsors: Iowa Lakes Community College.

Program Type: Farm management, community education, and marketing.

Funding: Carl Perkins funds and local matching funds.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This project provided 16 educational institutions with an IBM PC/SMART modem/screen/printer and subscription to an on-line data service (Agri Data). In addition it provided training to high school instructors on the service operation of the computer, access to the data base, and training in commodity marketing. The instructors are then expected to conduct marketing classes in their communities for farmers on an on-going basis.

Materials: Computer programs and printed materials are available.

Record No. 34

COMPUTER AID FOR FARMERS

Address: Onawa Public Library, 707 Iowa Avenue, Onawa, IA 51040.

Phone No.: (712) 423–1733.

Contact: Barbara Zasten.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Onawa Public Library.

Program Type: Farm management and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: This project purchased computers and accessories and teaches farmers to use these tools to improve their recordkeeping and to analyze their operations. Funds were also used to purchase reference books on all aspects of farming, raising livestock, and accounting, to aid the farmer in making the best use of the information produced by the accounting programs.

Materials: Computer programs.

Record No. 35

THE AGRICULTURAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Address: Southwestern Community College, 1501 West Townline Road, Creston, IA 50801.

Phone No.: (515) 782–7081.

Contact: Paul M. Havick.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Supplemental farm income, community development, and marketing.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: This program provides leadership and coordination for economic development efforts in its region. In addition to attracting industries to the area, the program surveys local agricultural and industrial capacities, educates farmers in the new income area, markets inventories to industries that could use the area's products, and monitors the production of commodities.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 36

RURAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

Address: Northwest Iowa Mental Health, 201 East 11th, Spencer, IA 51301.

Phone No.: (712) 243–2606.

Contact: Joan Blundall.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Northwest Iowa Mental Health.

Program Type: Counseling, stress management, referral, credit, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: The Rural Response Program maintains networks in nine counties. A "peer listening program" helps individuals with immediate needs and links families with agencies that can help. Support groups for farmers and small business owners reduce isolation. Volunteer mediators assist farmers in dealing with financial problems.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 37

IOWA ASSIST

Address: Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service, 109 Curtis, Ames, IA 50011.

Phone No.: (515) 294–7801.

Contact: Dr. Jerald DeWitt.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Iowa State Cooperative Extension Service.

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Program Type: Farm management, credit, stress management, community education, and women.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: Iowa Assist is the major programming component of the Iowa State University Cooperative Extension Service that addresses problems brought about by the depressed farm economy. Four areas were initially identified: (1) Awareness efforts—informing the public about the scope, impacts, and the emotional effects of the farm crisis; (2) Farm aid—providing computerized farm financial record analysis and personal consultation; (3) Farm credit courses—educating agricultural lenders and; (4) Community resource committees—mobilizing resources to address local problems. New programs include: Stress management, in-service training for rural school teachers, clergy, and mental health workers; job seeking workshops for women. An excellent videotape program has been established to compliment all of the above areas.

Materials: Videotape program.

Record No. 38

RURAL CONCERN

Address: Hawley Building, 700 6th Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

Phone Nos.: (800) 447-1985; (515) 281-7708.

Contact: Fran Phillips.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline that offers information and referral for financial problems, legal questions, and personal crises. A listing of private attorneys is available.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 39

IOWA FARMER/CREDITOR MEDIATION SERVICES, INC.

Address: 315 East 5th Street, # 4, Des Moines, IA 50309.

Phone No.: (515) 244-8216.

Contact: Michael Thompson or Liz Binger.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Legal assistance, financial.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: NA.

Description: This project provides mediation services to farmers and creditors with the goal of creating "Win-Win" solutions to farm credit problems. Services are offered through a central office and eight regional offices.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 40

DRAKE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURE LAW CENTER

Address: 27th and Carpenter, Des Moines, IA 50311.
Phone No.: (515) 271-2947.
Contact: Neil D. Hamilton.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Legal assistance.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: University.

Description: This Center was developed to assist the agricultural and legal sectors in addressing the complex legal issues facing farmers today. Information/education is delivered through presentations to farm audiences, seminars for attorneys and farmers, as well as media releases through local newspapers, radio, and television.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 41

LEGAL SERVICES

Address: 315 East 5th St., Suite 22, Des Moines, IA 50309.
Phone No.: (800) 352-1275.
Contact: Sue Hill.
Title: Office Manager.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Legal assistance.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: Free legal assistance is offered to eligible farmers. An eligible farmer must be unable to pay for legal services, have farming as his primary occupation, less than $20,000 in taxable income in the last year and have a debt to asset ratio of at least 50 percent.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 42

PROTEUS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, INC.

Address: 175 NW., 57th Place, Des Moines, IA 50306.
Phone Nos.: (800) 372-6031; (515) 244-5694.
Contact: Terry Meek.
Title: Executive Director.
Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Job training and placement, farmworker, economic development, and youth.

Funding: U.S. Department of Labor—JTPA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency, funded with U.S. Department of Labor—JTPA funds, provides job training and placement services to migrant workers, seasonal workers, some low-income farmers, and farmers who have been displaced or have lost their land. Services include assessment, job skills

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training, GED training, vocational training, and English language skills. The on-the-job training programs reimburse employees 50 percent of their wages. This agency also is involved in economic development enhancement projects. There are several regional offices.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 43

IOWA FARMER CREDITOR MEDIATION SERVICES INC.

Address: 315 East 5th St., Suite 4, Des Moines, IA 50309.
Phone No.: (515) 244-8214.
Contact: Mike Thompson.
Title: Director.
Sponsors: NA
Program Type: Legal assistance, credit, counseling, and stress management.
Funding: State.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This organization is funded by the Iowa State government to provide mediation services to farmers. It assists a farmer when a creditor takes action on a loan in default with over $20,000 in secured credit. All creditors are contacted to attempt a mediation meeting. The main creditor, under mandatory State law, must attend the mediation session. Financial counseling, emotional counseling, and stress management services are also provided. There are seven regional branch offices in addition to the main office.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 44

NORTH AMERICAN FARM ALLIANCE

Address: P.O. Box 2502, Ames, IA 50010.
Phone No.: (515) 232-1008.
Contact: Carol Hodne.
Title: Executive Director.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, and advocacy.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This advocacy organization operates a hotline, offers legal assistance referrals, publishes a monthly newsletter, and does grassroots organizing. They also run a farm movement information clearinghouse and a speakers bureau.

Materials: Available through farm movement information clearinghouse.

Record No. 45

PRAIRIE FIRE RURAL ACTION INC.

Address: 550 11th Street # 200, Des Moines, IA 50309.
Phone No.: (515) 244-5671.
Contact: Daniel Levitas.
Title: NA.

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Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, credit, community education, legal assistance counseling, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This nonprofit agency provides direct assistance to farm families and rural residents and also is a catalyst locally and nationally in getting attention and action to address the "rural crisis". It provides training programs for hotline operators and other farm crisis intervention programs, conducts seminars on legal and credit advocacy, and administers public education awareness programs. It also operates a hotline in conjunction with Iowa Farm Unity Coalition, providing legal and technical assistance, referrals, and counseling.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 46

DIVERSIFIED ENTERPRISE CENTER

Address: Kirkwood College, Cedar Rapids, IA 52406.

Phone No.: (319) 398–5699.

Contact: John Halder.

Title: Outreach Coordinator.

Sponsors: Kirkwood College.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, and supplemental farm income.

Funding: JTPA, Kirkwood College, and State.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program is designed to help rural residents to start up profitable small businesses.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 47

FUNDAMENTALS OF DEBTOR-CREDITOR RELATIONS

Address: Department of Economics, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.

Phone No.: (515) 294–6354.

Contact: Neil Harl.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Iowa State University.

Program Type: Credit, community education, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: Seminars and satellite conferences were developed for attorneys, CPA's, lenders, farmers, and counselors on technical aspects of asset liquidation, bankruptcy, and other aspects of debtor distress.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

Record No. 48

RURAL OUTREACH HEALTH PROGRAM

Address: Mercy Health Center, Dubuque, IA 52001.

Phone No.: (319) 589–8752.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

Program Type: Stress management, hotline, human services, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This program is directed by a nurse and assists rural families with medical, emotional, dental, and eye care needs and with the financial burdens of health care. It has a statewide toll-free hotline 1–800–637–2999.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

Record No. 49

DISLOCATED FARMERS PROGRAM

Address: Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Ave., Des Moines, IA 50309.

Phone No.: (515) 281–3928.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Iowa Department of Economic Development.

Program Type: Job training and placement, counseling, and credit.

Funding: JTPA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program provides job search counseling and training to Iowa's dislocated farmers. Emotional and financial counseling is also available. To be eligible a farmer must either: (1) Present a written declaration of probable business dissolution and proof of foreclosure; (2) Have filed for bankruptcy; (3) Show no profit in the last 12 months; or (4) Be unable to secure capital to continue operating.

Materials: NA.

IDAHO

Record No. 50

SOUTHERN IDAHO FAMILY FARM HOTLINE

Address: Route 1, Castleford, ID 83321.

Phone No.: (208) 537–6667.

Contact: John Ensunsa.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and financial

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Private.

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Description: This hotline, operated by an individual, serves southern Idaho, Utah, and northern Nevada. It offers financial, legal, and mental health referral services. Chapters 11 and 12 bankruptcy assistance is also available.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 51

IDAHO HUNGER ACTION COUNCIL

Address: 205 N. 10th St., Suite 602, Boise, ID 83702.
Phone No.: (208) 336–7010.
Contact: Wanda Michelson.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, human services, and advocacy.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency serves as a hotline/referral network with an emphasis on advocacy. It also operates four food shelf networks.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 52

IDAHO FAMILY FARM HOTLINE

Address: Idaho Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83701.
Phone Nos.: (800) 257–3276; (208) 334–3240.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: Idaho Department of Agriculture.
Program Type: Hotline and referral.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: State.

Description: This agency operates a toll-free hotline that refers callers to food banks, food stamps, job search and retraining programs, and other money, food, and mental health resources. A list of advocates and private and legal services attorneys is available. Over 90 percent of the calls are concerned with financial and legal issues. This service also works closely with the State job service and JTPA contractors.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 53

IDAHO RURAL COUNCIL

Address: Route 2, Box 5374, Twin Falls, ID 83301.
Phone Nos.: (208) 733–1390; (208) 324–8693.
Contact: Ilene Myers.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: Idaho Rural Council.
Program Type: Hotline, community education, and advocacy.
Funding: Grants.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

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Description: The program provides information pertaining to agriculture on our hotline, and through community education and advocacy.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 54

RURAL REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM

Address: Idaho Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83712.

Phone No.: (208) 334–3240 (W); (208) 343–0847 (H).

Contact: Bill Grange.

Title: Project Loan Officer.

Sponsors: Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This loan program is designed for farmers, rural youths, and others who belong to agriculturally oriented and supervised youth organizations. Loans are provided if credit is unavailable from conventional sources. The primary focus is on crop or livestock production projects; though limited funds are available for real estate or operating purposes. Eligibility and application requirements exist. No loan shall exceed $25,000 at current interest rates not to exceed 10 percent simple interest.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 55

IDAHO RURAL COUNCIL

Address: Idaho Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83712.

Phone No.: (208) 334–3240.

Contact: Rick G. Phillips.

Title: State Coordinator.

Sponsors: Idaho Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Counseling and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: The Idaho Department of Agriculture through the effort of its hotline, has established rural councils throughout the State. The councils are volunteer rural groups that respond directly to farmers and ranchers in crisis.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 56

IDAHO AG IN THE CLASSROOM

Address: Idaho Agriculture in the Classroom Association, P.O. Box 790, Boise, ID 83701.

Phone No.: (208) 334–3240.

Contact: Rick G. Phillips.

Title: State Coordinator.

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Sponsors: USDA, Idaho Department of Agriculture, Idaho Department of Education, farmers, ranchers, educators, agricultural, and commodity organizations.

Program Type: Youth and community education.

Funding: Membership fees and contributions.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: The goal of this program is to develop student awareness, appreciation, and understanding of the impact of agriculture on our economy and society. The agency plans, develops, and disseminates a quality, easy-to-use agriculture-related curriculum. The agency also conducts research and sponsors methods of promoting awareness of agriculture in Idaho.

Materials: NA.

ILLINOIS

Record No. 57

ILLINOIS FARM ALLIANCE

Address: 10 N. Main Street, Edwardsville, IL 62025.

Phone No.: (615) 656–8922.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service for callers. A private listing of attorneys is available.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 58

ILLINOIS SOUTH PROJECT

Address: 116½ W. Cherry St., Herrin, IL 62948.

Phone No.: (618) 942–6613.

Contact: Susan Denzer.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, human services, and advocacy.

Funding: Farm aid and other sources.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service. It also distributes farm aid money for food, utilities, and medical needs.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 59

ILLINOIS FARM LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION

Address: 424 South Second St., Springfield, IL 62701.

Phone Nos.: (800) 352–7878; (217) 525–1760.

Contact: NA.

Record No. 59—Continued

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program offers free and reduced rates for legal assistance for eligible farmers. Farmers must receive at least 60 percent of their income from farming and have a debt-to-asset ratio of 50 percent. One hour of free legal advice is given and up to 19 hours of legal assistance at $5 per hour.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 60

PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

Address: 206 West State St., Suite 802, Rockford, IL 61101.

Phone No.: (815) 965–2134.

Contact: Jon Darling.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Legal assistance.

Funding: Grant from Illinois Farm Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency provides legal assistance and assistance with FmHA matters to farmers and attorneys in northern Illinois counties. The agency represents farmers who are eligible for food stamps and other social services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 61

FARM BUSINESS FARM MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Address: University of Illinois Cooperation Extension Service, 116 Mumford Hall, Urbana, IL 61801.

Phone No.: (217) 333–9025.

Contact: Dr. Peter Bloome.

Title: Assistant Director.

Sponsors: University of Illinois—Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Farm management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: Under this program, the Extension Service has approximately 30 professional staff members who assist farmers in keeping and analyzing their farm business records.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 62

RURAL ROUTE

Address: University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, 116 Mumford Hall, Urbana, IL 61801.

Phone Nos.: (800) 847–6883; (217) 333–9025.

Contact: Dr. Peter Bloome.

Title: Assistant Director.

Sponsors: University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, credit, farm management, legal assistance, counseling, stress management, and off-farm income.

Funding: Variety of funding sources.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: A multifaceted program involving most of the Extension Service staff. Toll-free hotline/referral service places a farmer in contact with a professional extension service staff that assists the caller immediately or ensures proper referral for financial, personal counseling, or legal assistance. Primary activities include a hotline, four financial stress centers, and legal education. The centers provide confidential assistance to prepare and analyze financial statements, debt restructuring, cost containment, off-farm employment, and farm management. It also provides legal information. Other extension programs have been developed or expanded due to the Rural Route Program. The volunteer master farm accountants teach farmers to prepare balance sheets, income statements and cash-flow projections.

Materials: Legal education, teaching, factsheets, slides, audio and video tapes, and computer programs.

Record No. 63

FACT (FACING AGRICULTURAL CRISIS TOGETHER)

Address: University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, 116 Mumford Hall, Urbana, IL 61801.

Phone No.: (217) 333–9025.

Contact: Dr. Peter D. Bloome.

Title: Assistant Director.

Sponsors: University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Referral, counseling, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program operates in nine counties in northwestern Illinois. It is a program of information, peer group support, community involvement, and counseling.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 64

ILLINOIS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR DISLOCATED FARM FAMILIES

Address: Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 620 E. Adams St., 6th Floor, Springfield, IL 62701.

Phone No.: (217) 785–6006.

Contact: Jim O'Brien.

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Title: Office Chief for the Program Development and Assessment Unit.

Sponsors: State.

Program Type: Job training and placement, counseling, and farmworkers.

Funding: State of Illinois.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This State funded program uses the existing JTPA networks to provide dislocated farmers with employment and training services, such as assessment and testing of skill levels, vocational, personal, and financial counseling, resume writing, job search, job interview preparation, classroom training for a new job, and on-the-job training opportunities; 11 of the 19 dislocated worker centers have specific programs for dislocated farm families and farmworkers.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 65

STRESS: COUNTRY STYLE

Address: Farm Resource Center, 1001 Washington Avenue, Cairo, IL 62914.

Phone Nos.: (800) 851–4719; (618) 734–2665.

Contact: Roger Hannan.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: State of Illinois.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, stress management, and community education.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program consists of a statewide toll-free hotline that provides 24 hour assistance to farmers. There are also 19 outreach counselors that work face to face with farmers and farm families in consort with the cooperative extension service. This program has been coordinated with the Illinois Association of Community Health agencies to encourage existing mental health and substance abuse agencies to improve their service delivery to farm families.

Materials: NA.

INDIANA

Record No. 66

INDIANA RURAL CRISIS INC.

Address: 1854 West Grove Road, Centerville, IN 47330.

Phone Nos.: (800) 538–2265; (317) 855–2265.

Contact: Susan Bright.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

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Description: This agency operates a hotline and referral service. It also distributes legal education materials and provides self-help seminars.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 67

THE FOOD COALITION OF THE INDIANA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Address: 1100 W. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Phone No.: (317) 932–3674.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Indiana Council of Churches.

Program Type: Hotline and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency provides a referral service especially for mental health and legal needs. It also distributes legal education materials.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 68

RURAL ISSUES COLLECTION

Address: Central Kansas Library System, Great Bend, KS 67530.

Phone No.: (800) 361–2642.

Contact: Don Reynolds.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Kansas Library Network Board.

Program Type: Community education.

Funding: Grant from Kansas Library Network Board.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program's goal is to develop a collection of information and materials to assist individuals and communities in addressing the rural crisis. A rural resource manual is being developed for distribution to member libraries.

Materials: Legal education materials.

KANSAS

Record No. 69

ADVOCATE NETWORK

Address: Box 133, Whiting, KS 66552.

Phone Nos.: (913) 873–3431; (913) 335–2337.

Contact: Fred Bentley.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Kansas Rural Center.

Program Type: Community education and advocacy.

Funding: Volunteer.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

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Description: This is a program consisting of a network of volunteer community leaders who sponsor public meetings and workshops on the farm crisis.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 70

FARM SUPPORT PROJECT

Address: Box 133, Whiting, KS 66552.

Phone No.: (913) 873–3431.

Contact: Fred Bentley.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Kansas Rural Center.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, counseling, and farm management.

Funding: Private foundation and churches.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program provides a hotline/referral service, community education programs on the rural crisis, and technical assistance in organizing and leadership development. The hotline service also offers credit counseling and personal counseling to farmers.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 71

KANSAS ECUMENICAL RURAL ISSUES COALITION

Address: Rural Route 1, Box 26, Longford, KS 67458.

Phone No.: (913) 388–2479.

Contact: NA.

Title: Jim Henry.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Community education and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency is a coalition of members of various religious groups who sponsor community education programs on different aspects of the farm crisis. It has successfully encouraged some denominations to offer counseling support.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 72

KANSAS FUNDS FOR KANSAS FARMERS AND SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM

Address: Kansas State Treasurer, Box 737, Topeka, KS 66601.

Phone No.: (913) 296–3171.

Contact: Joan Finney.

Title: State Treasurer.

Sponsors: NA.

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Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program offers low interest loans to Kansas farmers. Applications are made through local banks and savings and loans institutions.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 73

RURAL EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (REAP)

Address: Kansas Department of Human Resources, 401 Topeka Blvd., Topeka, KS 66603.

Phone No.: (913) 296–5209.

Contact: Susan Miller.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Kansas Department of Human Resources.

Program Type: Job training and employment, counseling, legal assistance, human services, and credit.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program is designed to help farmers who can no longer sustain themselves through agriculture. Services provided include financial, legal and family counseling, job training and employment, entrepreneurial training, and related supportive services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 74

HELP THE FARMERS, INC.

Address: P.O. Box 402, Fredonia, KS 66736.

Phone No.: (316) 378–2792.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Referral, human services, job training and placement, legal assistance, counseling, and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency offers a variety of services for farm families. It provides direct emergency assistance for food, clothing, shelter, utility, and medical needs. It also refers individuals to local resources and services. Programs are offered in emotional and stress counseling, job training and placement, and legal assistance.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 75

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

Address: RFD, Utica, KS 67584.

Phone No.: (913) 391–2396.

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Contact: Don Albin.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Farm management, supplemental farm income, off-farm income, and economic development.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This is a community-based effort with three committees addressing the rural crisis by providing financial counseling to farmers, facilitating machinery exchange, and promoting industrial development. A cooperative venture has been formed to produce, process, and distribute wheat, barley, and oat seeds.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 76

COMPUTERIZED FARM MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Address: Division of Occupational Continuing Education, Pratt Community College, X–61, Pratt, KS 67124.

Phone Nos.: (316) 672–7438; (316) 672–5641.

Contact: Kenneth A. Clouse.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Pratt Community College.

Program Type: Farm management, supplemental farm income, and marketing.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program offers classes in sophisticated farm management techniques. Class topics include farm management, computer software, and marketing. One-on-one personal financial consultation is provided through this program. Some tuition support is provided by local banks.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 77

RURAL OUTREACH COALITION, INC.

Address: Box 239, Scandia, KS 66696.

Phone No.: (913) 335–2337.

Contact: Linda L. Currie.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Outreach, human services, community education, counseling, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency provides emergency assistance including food pantries and medical care in Kansas communities facing problems caused by the farm crisis. It also conducts community education programs and has

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successfully organized farm families and advocated State action to address this crisis. Local support groups have been organized around the State.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 78

WORK ORIENTED RURAL KANSAS (WORK)

Address: Department of Human Resources, 401 Topeka Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603.

Phone No.: (913) 296-7474.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Kansas Department of Human Resources.

Program Type: Job training and placement, and counseling.

Funding: JTPA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This rural JTPA Program serves Kansas farmers. It is run by local community colleges and vocational/technical schools and provides classroom, on-the-job customized training, and placement assistance.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 79

FARMERS ASSISTANCE, COUNSELING AND TRAINING SERVICE (FACTS)

Address: Kansas State University, 148 Waters Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Phone No.: (913) 532-6958.

Contact: Stan Ward.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Kansas State University.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, legal assistance, credit, and farm management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program is a toll-free hotline and referral service for Kansas farmers, ranchers, and small businessmen. A staff of professionals provide counseling to individual clients and help them identify options and solutions to the farm crisis. Services include credit counseling, legal assistance, emergency assistance, networking, and referral to appropriate agencies. A program in farm financial management is offered utilizing FINPACK and K-FARM computer programs, as are programs in home business and family financial management.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 80

ACTION AGENDA FOR RURAL ADULT POSTSECONDARY RURAL EDUCATION

Address: Kansas State University, 306 Umberger Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506.

Phone No.: (913) 532–5560.

Contact: Jacqueline D. Spears.

Title: Co-Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Community education and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program acts as a coordination and information exchange clearinghouse on a national level for educators serving rural areas. Its activities include establishment of networks, dissemination of information on rural adults, model programs, private funding resources, and consultants. The program serves as an advocate for rural issues among professional organizations, funding agencies, and institutions. The program maintains a data file of more than 6,000 individuals and organizations. Publications have been distributed and conferences offered on the issue of rural postsecondary education.

Materials: NA.

KENTUCKY

Record No. 81

COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE

Address: Route 1, Box 378, California, KY 41007.

Phone No.: (606) 635–1882.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, and credit.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service with a focus on legal assistance, credit, and mental health services. Seminars for farmers on credit are also offered. Lists of private and legal services attorneys are available.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 82

FARMKAT

Address: Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546.

Phone Nos.: (800) 327–6258; (606) 223–9237.

Contact: Dr. Don Shurley.

Title: Project Coordinator.

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Sponsors: University of Kentucky and Department of Agricultural Economics.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, and counseling

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This university program provides a hotline service and offers confidential financial management assistance and counseling for Kentucky farmers and farm families. The program employs 11 financial management counselors.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 83

CAREER ASSISTANCE FOR FARMERS

Address: University of Kentucky, Cooperative Extension Service, Lexington, KY 40546.

Phone No.: (606) 257-3767.

Contact: Thomas W. Ilvento.

Title: Extension Professor.

Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service, Bluegrass Area Development District.

Program Type: Job training and placement, farmworkers, community education, and referral.

Funding: U.S. Department of Labor, Cooperative Extension Service.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program is designed to help farmers, farm families, and farmworkers in career decisionmaking and transition. It targets those who no longer want to, or are unable to, continue farming and helps them become more competitive in the off-farm job market. The primary component is employability skills training carried out in six modules in group meetings and one-on-one settings. Modules include skill identification, job search strategy, resume writing, job application, job interview, accepting and starting a job. After the seminar, a career assistance specialist works with clients on resume writing, referrals, and job placement.

Materials: Seminar materials for the above six modules.

LOUISIANA

Record No. 84

LOUISIANA INTERCHURCH FARM CRISIS COALITION

Address: Louisiana State University, Knapp Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Phone Nos.: (504) 492-3565; (504) 924-0213.

Contact: Don Ewing.

Title: State Director.

Sponsors: Louisiana Department of Agriculture, Louisiana State University Extension Service, and Louisiana Interchurch Coalition.

Program Type: Referral, credit, counseling, legal assistance, community education, and farm management.

Funding: Farm Aid and Louisiana Interchurch Conference.

Agency Type: Extension, State, Church.

Description: This jointly sponsored program offers a variety of services to farmers. Free financial analysis, credit counseling, pastoral counseling, farm credit seminars, lawyer referral, and free consultations with a lawyer are some of the services. Community education programs and training of extension agents in farm credit issues are other ongoing projects.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 85

FARM FINANCIAL ANALYSIS FOR FINANCIALLY DISTRESSED FARMERS

Address: Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Room 213, Knapp Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Phone No.: (504) 388–2145.

Contact: Dr. Clyde St. Clergy.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Farm management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program provides materials and training on farm financial analysis and improvement for financially distressed farms.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 86

FARM YOUTH UNDER STRESS

Address: Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service, Room 297, Knapp Hall, Baton Rouge, LA 70803.

Phone No.: (504) 388–5398.

Contact: Eloise Futrell.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Stress management and youth.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program provides educational materials and assistance for adults working with farm youth under stress.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 87

FAMILY FARM SURVIVAL ALLIANCE

Address: Route 1, Box 355A, Lettsworth, LA 70753.

Phone No.: (504) 492–3565.

Contact: Donald A. Ewing.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline and referral.
Funding: Contributions.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.
Description: Seminars and compiled information for distressed farmers.
Materials: Limited printed materials.

MARYLAND

Record No. 88

STRESS AND THE FAMILY FARM

Address: University of Maryland—Cooperative Extension Service, 1202 Symons Hall, College Park, MD 20742.
Phone No.: (301) 454–3602.
Contact: Billie H. Frazier.
Title: Human Development Specialist.
Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service.
Program Type: Stress management and community education.
Funding: Cooperative Extension Service.
Agency Type: Extension
Description: This extension effort provides factsheets and leaflets addressing different aspects of stress.
Materials: Leaflet series and factsheet.

Record No. 89

FARM FAMILY FINANCE

Address: University of Maryland—Cooperative Extension Service, 1202 Symons Hall, College Park, MD 20742.
Phone No.: (301) 454–3602.
Contact: Mary Stephenson.
Title: Family Resource Management Specialist.
Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service—University of Maryland.
Program Type: Credit, community education, and farm management.
Funding: Cooperative Extension Service.
Agency Type: Extension.
Description: This extension effort provides information and assistance to farm families on issues of farm family finance. Topics include consolidated financial statements, buying on less, life insurance, estate planning, credit, health insurance, and disability income insurance.
Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 90

FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Address: University of Maryland, Cooperative Extension Service, 1224 Symons Hall, College Park, MD 20742.
Phone No.: (301) 454–3742.
Contact: Dr. Ralph Adkins.
Title: Associate Director for Agricultural Programs.
Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service—University of Maryland.

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Program Type: Farm management.

Funding: Cooperative Extension Service.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This extension effort involves group and one-on-one assistance for farmers on farm management issues. The FINPACK computer program has been adapted to Maryland and the extension staff is available to help farmers use this software package.

Materials: Limited printed materials available.

MAINE

Record No. 91

MAINE FARMERS INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE (FIRE)

Address: RFD # 2, Belfast, ME 04915.

Phone No.: (207) 342–5135.

Contact: Walter Whitcomb.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This nonprofit agency with technical assistance from the Maine Department of Agriculture trains farmers as volunteers to staff a hotline network in their homes. It was the first call-forwarding line in the country. Current responsibility for the hotline is with the Maine Division of Community Services. FIRE also conducts training workshops for farm leaders, agency staff, and others who work with farmers in crisis.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 92

AROOSTOOK COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM

Address: P.O. Box 116, Presque Isle, ME 04769.

Phone No.: (207) 764–3721.

Contact: Sonya Fonjeine.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Job training and placement.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency has developed a highly successful job training and placement program for farmers, especially potato farmers.

Materials: NA.

MICHIGAN

Record No. 93

MICHIGAN FARM UNITY COALITION

Address: 322 W. Ottawa, Lansing, MI 48933.
Phone Nos.: (800) 653–2767; (527) 484–0090.
Contact: Mr. Dee Stout.
Title: Executive Director.
Sponsors: Farm organizations.
Program Type: Hotline, human services, referral, community education, and advocacy.
Funding: Contributions from fundraising.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline to provide temporary emergency assistance to Michigan farm families. Financial aid is available for medical, mortgage, utility, legal, and clothing needs. Certain eligibility guidelines must be met to qualify for assistance (net income and debt ratio). This agency also is active in community education programs and advocacy regarding the farm crisis.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 94

MICHIGAN ECUMENICAL FORUM

Address: 809 Center St., 7B, Lansing, MI 48906.
Phone No.: (517) 485–4395.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, human services, and community education.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency distributes Farm Aid grant money to farm families to meet emergency food, housing, utility, and medical needs. It also sponsors educational events to inform church groups of the farm crisis.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 95

MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE NETWORK

Address: Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.
Phone No.: (800) 346–3276.
Contact: Edwin Renkie.
Title: Director of Emergency Service.
Sponsors: Michigan Department of Agriculture.
Program Type: Hotline and referral.
Funding: State.
Agency Type: State.

Description: The network coordinates the delivery of services by linking farmers with appropriate agencies and works in conjunction with State, local, and Federal agencies. No direct loans or grants are available. The network has developed an effective system of referral. Approximately 10,000 calls have

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been received with requests focusing on loan information, legal services, human services, and financial management.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 96

MICHIGAN FARM HOTLINE

Address: Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

Phone No.: (517) 373–0440.

Contact: Edwin Renkie.

Title: Director of Emergency Service.

Sponsors: State.

Program Type: Hotline.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: The hotline serves agriculturally related requests.

Materials: Printed materials are available.

Record No. 97

PROJECT ABLE

Address: 17330 North Land Park Court, Southfield, MI 48075.

Phone Nos.: (800) 562–4473; (313) 443–0370.

Contact: Terry Barclay.

Title: Manager.

Sponsors: United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit.

Program Type: Job training and placement and hotline.

Funding: Grants and State aid.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This is a hotline for job training and placement service for farmers who are 55 years or older in need of assistance in finding jobs.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 98

AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Address: Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

Phone Nos.: (800) 346–3276; (517) 373–0440.

Contact: Edwin Renkie.

Title: Director of Emergency Service.

Sponsors: State of Michigan.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a State loan program authorizing State deposits in financial institutions that voluntarily participate. These institutions make low interest agricultural loans to Michigan owner-operated farms experiencing

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financial stress and difficulty. Loans are not greater than 3 percentage points above the T-Bill rate set for the institution's deposits.

Materials: Printed materials are available.

Record No. 99

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAM (EMAT)

Address: Cooperative Extension Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Phone No.: (800) 346–3276.

Contact: Edwin Renkie.

Title: Director of Emergency Service.

Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service—Michigan State University.

Program Type: Farm management, credit, referral, and counseling.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program assists farmers with their management, financial, and technical problems. Teams are referred to farmers by extension offices. They provide planning, management and technical assistance, family counseling and assistance with livestock problems. Service is free and confidential.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 100

FAMILY FARM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Address: Michigan Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909.

Phone No.: (800) 346–3276.

Contact: Edwin Renkie.

Title: Director of Emergency Service.

Sponsors: Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: In this program, through the sale of tax exempt revenue bonds, loans are made available to beginning farmers to acquire agricultural land and/or depreciable agricultural property.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 101

JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT SERVICES

Address: Cooperative Extension Service, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48823.

Phone Nos.: (517) 355–0117; (800) 346–3276.

Contact: Edwin Renkie.

Title: Director of Emergency Service.

Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service, Governors Office for Job Training.

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Program Type: Job training and placement and farmworkers.
Funding: U.S. Department of Labor.
Agency Type: Extension.
Description: This is a job training program administered by the Cooperative Extension Service that will assist farmers in job training, job search, and relocation. Eligible persons include farmowners, unpaid family farmworkers and unemployed farmworkers experiencing serious financial difficulties. Farmowners with current off-farm employment are not considered.
Materials: Printed materials available.

MINNESOTA

Record No. 102

LEAGUE OF RURAL VOTERS EDUCATION PROJECT

Address: 3255 Hennepin Ave., # 255, Minneapolis, MN 55408.
Phone No.: (612) 827–6055.
Contact: Julie Ristau.
Title: Director.
Sponsors: League of Rural Voters.
Program Type: Hotline, community education, and referral.
Funding: Foundation grants.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.
Description: This agency refers farm families to advocates and local resources. Its primary goal is to educate and mobilize rural people around the farm crisis. It conducts education and media outreach programs.
Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 103

MN COACT

Address: 2395 University Ave, # 304, St. Paul, MN 55114.
Phone No.: (612) 645–0115.
Contact: John Musick.
Title: Director.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, and legal assistance.
Funding: Contributions, membership dues, Foundations, and churches.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.
Description: To receive the services of this agency one must become a member. It provides legal assistance and organizes efforts on cases they are litigating.
Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 104

FAMILY FARM ORGANIZING RESOURCE CENTER

Address: 2395 University Ave., # 202, St. Paul, MN 55114.
Phone Nos.: (612) 645–2754; (612) 645–1231.
Contact: Joe Chrastil.
Title: NA.

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Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service as well as education programs for farmers and the community at large, regarding legislative actions.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 105

BOSCHWITZ–DURENBERGER FARM CREDIT SERVICES HOTLINE

Address: 419 North Robert St., Room 210, Bremer Bldg., St. Paul, MN 55101.

Phone No.: (800) 652–9771.

Contact: Pat Pariseau.

Title: Caseworker.

Sponsors: Boschwitz-Durenberger State Office.

Program Type: Hotline, credit, and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Federal.

Description: The offices of U.S. Senators Boschwitz and Durenberger jointly offer a hotline service for farm credit issues.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 106

RURAL OUTREACH PROJECT

Address: Catholic Pastoral Center, 1400 Chancery Drive, New Ulm, MN 56073.

Phone Nos.: (800) 642–4992; (507) 359–2966.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, farm management, and credit.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency offers a hotline service for the southwest, south central and west central parts of Minnesota. Through the use of volunteer attorneys, accountants, lenders, and management specialists, the hotline offers advisory services to rural people regarding their present occupation or regarding alternatives. Private attorneys are available.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 107

S.W. MINNESOTA FARM CRISIS HOTLINE

Address: 137 E. Minnesota Ave., Glenwood, MN 56334.

Phone Nos.: (612) 634–3195; (612) 634–4440.

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Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency offers a hotline service making referrals to food resources, legal assistance, and mental health services. It offers community education programs to church groups and other support groups. It also makes personal calls to troubled farm families. A list of advocates, private attorneys, and legal service attorneys is available.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 108

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S FARM PRESERVATION HOTLINE

Address: Room 124 Lord Building, 117 University Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155.

Phone No.: (800) 652-9747.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Minnesota Attorney General's Office.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and legal assistance.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This agency operates a hotline emphasizing the services of advocates and legal services attorneys. It also refers callers to local food resources, mental health services, and other appropriate hotlines.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 109

AREA AG INFORMATION CENTER INC.

Address: Highway 1, Thief River Falls, MN 56701.

Phone No.: (218) 681-6236.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, and farm management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This hotline serves farm families in northwest Minnesota and eastern North Dakota. It provides referrals to area food resources and mental services. A listing of advocates, private attorneys and legal services attorneys is available. Various counseling programs are offered to farm families.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 110

MINNESOTA FAMILY FARM LAW PROJECT

Address: 46 East 4th St., 1301 Minnesota Building, St. Paul, MN 55101.
Phone Nos.: (612) 223–5333; (800) 233–4534.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, legal assistance, and referral.
Funding: State.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This is a State funded legal information and referral hotline program for farmers. It provides legal advice and representation to eligible farmers and institutes lawsuits which will impact large numbers of farmers. Eligible farmers are those whose debt-to-asset ratio exceeds 50 percent, whose adjusted gross income is less than $15,000, and who are financially unable to retain private counsel.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 111

PROJECT SUPPORT

Address: University of Minnesota, 433 Coffey Hall, 1420 Eckles Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.
Phone Nos.: (800) 843–4334; (612) 625–3131.
Contact: Ruth Grunke.
Title: Attorney.
Sponsors: University of Minnesota.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, stress management, and community education.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: University.

Description: This hotline service offers both referral services and education programs on farm and family financial planning and stress management. It also offers community education programs for support groups and community networks.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 112

FARMERS LEGAL ACTION GROUP, INC.

Address: 1301 Minnesota Building, 46 East 4th St., St. Paul, MN 55101.
Phone No.: (612) 223–5400.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, legal assistance, and referral.
Funding: Farm Aid.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency provides legal education, training and technical assistance to family farmers, advocates, and attorneys throughout the country.

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It also conducts workshops and seminars, produces a newsletter, distributes legal education materials, and refers callers to appropriate local support groups.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 113

FARM CRISIS HOTLINE

Address: Evelyn and Harold Kvale, 304 1st Ave., SE., Glenwood, MN 56334.

Phone No.: (612) 634–4440.

Contact: Evelyn/Harold Kvale.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, job training and placement, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Private.

Description: This group operates a hotline from their homes. They provide human service and legal assistance, referrals, financial counseling, mediation assistance, and job placement services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 114

RURAL FAMILY LIFE PROJECT

Address: Stevens Community Memorial Hospital, 400 East 1st Street, Morris, MN 56267.

Phone No.: (612) 589–1313.

Contact: Laurie Burns.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Stevens Community Memorial Hospital, Minnesota Extension Service—Office of Continuing Education at the University at Morris.

Program Type: Stress management, counseling, referral, and community education.

Funding: West Central Minnesota Initiative Fund.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program provides mental health counseling services to rural residents who have been impacted by depressed economic conditions. A trained intervention counselor meets with clients in their homes, providing counseling and referral services. This program has also developed educational programs to increase community understanding of the "rural crisis".

Materials: Educational materials.

Record No. 115

AGRIVENTURE

Address: College of St. Theresa, Winona, MN 55987.

Phone No.: (507) 454–2930.

Contact: Susan Battell.

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Title: NA.

Sponsors: College of St. Theresa.

Program Type: Community education, off-farm income, and job training and placement.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This is a program of tuition-free classes for farmers and family members who have to leave farming or need supplemental income sources. Special individual advisers are assigned to each student.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 116

URBAN LEGISLATOR AND RURAL POLICY PROGRAM

Address: Minnesota Food Association, 2395 University Ave., Room 309 St. Paul, MN 55114.

Phone Nos.: (612) 644–2038; (612) 296–3993.

Contact: Margo Stark.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Minnesota Food Association, Governor's Rural Development Council.

Program Type: Community education.

Funding: Private foundations, corporations, and State agencies.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program conducts research, information exchange, and education programs to encourage urban legislators to participate in discussions of rural issues. Several exchanges occurred and intensive rural issue workshops were organized. Grants are awarded in the areas of rural small business assistance, value added processing of natural resources, land conservation and preservation.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 117

LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

Address: 512 W. Elm, Stillwater, MN 55082.

Phone No.: (612) 430–2166.

Contact: Ron Kroese.

Title: Executive Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Community education and farm management.

Funding: Private donations and foundations.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency conducts community education programs on the problems of our Nation's farmlands and the importance of a sustainable land ethic.

Materials: Newsletter, books (soil and survival).

Record No. 118

RURAL KNOWLEDGE BOWL

Address: Southwest State University, Marshall, MN 56258.

Phone No.: (507) 537–6135.

Contact: Keigh Hubel.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Southwest State University.

Program Type: Youth and community education.

Funding: Communicating for agriculture foundation.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This is a competitive knowledge program for rural high schools where students compete for scholarships in projects which seek to promote the rural education system and provide information about rural and farm life.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 119

RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Address: Southwest State University, Science and Technology Center, Marshall, MN 56258.

Phone No.: (507) 537–7440.

Contact: James Babcock.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Southwest State University.

Program Type: Off-farm income, economic development, and marketing.

Funding: Science and Technology Resource Center, Southwest State University.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This is a pilot project that encourages and assists inventors, entrepreneurs, and small businesses in developing new projects. Prototype development, marketing studies, feasibility studies, professional consultants, and venture capital identification are types of services provided.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 120

THE SURVIVE PROJECT

Address: Twin Cities Public Television, 1640 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Phone No.: (512) 646–4611.

Contact: Wendy E. Wiberg.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Twin Cities Public Television, Extension Service, Minnesota Community Education Association, Information and Referral Alliance, and Libraries.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and community education.

Funding: Private foundations, State of Minnesota.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program is a multifaceted program aimed at improving community understanding of poverty and the farm crises in Minnesota. A 10-

part public television series was produced. The sponsoring groups provided community education outreach efforts and distributed informational materials throughout the State. A statewide hotline is staffed by volunteers to assist callers in obtaining local services.

Materials: Outreach materials available.

Record No. 121

FARM CREDIT MEDIATION PROGRAM

Address: Minnesota Extension Service, 240 Coffey Hall, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Phone No.: (612) 625–9721.

Contact: Katy Mangum.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Minnesota Extension Service.

Program Type: Legal assistance and credit.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: In 1986, under authority of the Minnesota State Legislature, the Extension Service established a farmer-lender mediation program. The program brings farmers and creditors together to discuss debt restructuring in an orderly process. Creditors are required to participate by law before they can foreclose or repossess, but are not required by law to restructure the farmer's debt. To date 4,500 farmers and over 10,000 creditors have participated.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 122

MINNESOTA DISLOCATED FAMILY FARMER PROJECT

Address: Minnesota Department of Economic Security, 150 East Kellogg Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55101.

Phone No.: (612) 296–3625.

Contact: NA.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Minnesota Department of Economic Security.

Program Type: Job training and placement and counseling.

Funding: JTPA, title III.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This statewide program is targeted to help dislocated farm families. A State level task force and local task forces comprised of representatives of various agencies, farm groups, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions advise and assist on the project. The project services include outreach, assessment, job search and skill development, formal classroom and vocational training, and on-the-job training and placement.

Materials: NA.

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Record No. 123

FARM ADVOCATE PROGRAM

Address: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 90 W. Plato Boulevard, St. Paul, MN 55107.
Phone No.: (612) 296–1484.
Contact: Ann De Meurisse.
Title: Supervisor.
Sponsors: Minnesota Department of Agriculture.
Program Type: Farm management, legal assistance, and credit.
Funding: State.
Agency Type: State.

Description: This program hires farmers and trains them as advocates to assist other farmers with problems in obtaining credit for debt restructuring agreements. The advocates also work with farmers in developing financial plans.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 124

GROUNDSWELL

Address: Box 338, Wanda, MN 56294.
Phone No.: (507) 342–5797.
Contact: Diane Irlbeck.
Title: Office Manager.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Community education, advocacy, and human services.
Funding: Grants, membership dues, and fundraising.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This organization is a grassroots movement that organizes farmers to work for legislative change and to provide emergency food and medical aid to distressed farmers. It also organizes foreclosure rallies to stop sales of farms.

Materials: NA.

MISSOURI

Record No. 125

MISSOURI INTERFAITH COALITION

Address: Box 733, Colombia, MO 65205.
Phone No.: (314) 474–7155.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, and community education.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency operates a hotline service referring callers to food resources, mental health services, advocates, and attorneys. It also conducts community workshops on rural crises and bank closings.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 126

CAREER OPTIONS FOR MISSOURI FARM FAMILIES

Address: University of Missouri, 822 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65221.
Phone Nos.: (314) 822–4221; (800) 392–2944.
Contact: John Pelham.
Title: 1440 Project Director.
Sponsors: University Extension Service of the University of Missouri, and Lincoln University.
Program Type: Hotline, job training and placement, and counseling.
Funding: Federal, title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.
Agency Type: University Extension.

Description: This section 1440 program offers a hotline service for farmers, providing assistance in training and employment, skills assessment, and career options. It is one component of the umbrella mental health and job counseling project, "Coping With Hard Times," at the University of Missouri—Columbia. Individual counseling sessions are provided, focusing on assessment of abilities, interests, values and career options. One and three-day workshops are offered on resume writing, job interviewing, decisionmaking, goal setting, and networking.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 127

FARM COUNSELING SERVICE, INC.

Address: 102 E. Madison, Memphis, MO 63555.
Phone No.: (816) 465–7232.
Contact: Donna Shoop.
Title: Manager.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, credit, and counseling.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency offers a hotline service referring farm families to food resources, mental health services, and legal resources. It also provides training and education programs on typing, bookkeeping, cash-flow, financial, and bankruptcy issues.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 128

MISSOURI RURAL CRISIS CENTER

Address: 710 Rangeline Road, Columbia, MO 65201.
Phone No.: (314) 449–1336.
Contact: Roger Allison.
Title: Director.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, advocacy, and counseling.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Record No. 128—Continued

Description: This activist agency offers a hotline service referring callers to food resources, mental health services, advocates, private attorneys, and legal services attorneys. It also actively organizes farmers to oppose foreclosure attempts, especially by the FmHA. The Center has organized food and seed distribution throughout Missouri with Farm Aid assistance.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 129

COMMITTEE FOR RURAL AMERICA

Address: Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, 800 W. Jefferson, Kirksville, MO 63501.

Phone Nos.: (816) 626–2395; (816) 665–9855.

Contact: Philip Messner.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine and Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency.

Program Type: Community education, human resources, credit, and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This committee comprised of concerned community people has been involved in various projects including sponsoring an agricultural alternative expo, helping people with financial difficulties, creating a local food pantry, and hosting workshops on stress, bankruptcy, and credit.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 130

ALTERNATIVE FOR THE 80'S

Address: University of Missouri, 628 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Phone No.: (314) 882–9509.

Contact: Jerry Wade.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: University of Missouri—Columbia and Missouri Extension Service.

Program Type: Economic development, community education, supplemental farm income, and off-farm income.

Funding: University of Missouri, Missouri Extension Service.

Agency Type: University and Extension.

Description: This is a multidisciplinary project designed to encourage economic opportunities for rural people and communities. It is examining different development strategies such as new and better uses for Missouri's resources, substitutes for imported products, supplemental income sources, home business opportunities, and increased value of local goods and services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 131

CRADLE PROJECT CONCEPT

Address: Center for Applied Research, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO 64468.

Phone Nos.: (816) 562–1161; (816) 562–1113.

Contact: Jan L. Dauve.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Northwest Missouri State University.

Program Type: Supplemental farm income, farm management, and marketing.

Funding: Northwest Missouri State University, private grants, private businesses, and participating farmers.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program involves technical assistance to farmers on the development and marketing of alternative crops. It provides information, equipment, chemicals, fertilizer, and labor to participating farmers. It also helps locate markets for alternative crops. One project, the contract potato project, focused on chipping potatoes as an alternative crop.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 132

MO FARMS

Address: P.O. Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Phone Nos.: (800) 662–2767; (314) 751–2129.

Contact: Dale Angel.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Missouri Department of Agriculture and University of Missouri.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, financial, legal assistance, farm management, and credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service for farm families. It offers financial counseling with 26 trained consultants who visit farm families and help them with financial analysis. Mediation assistance between lenders and farmers is provided. Callers for education, vocational training marketing, health care, and social service programs are referred.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 133

RURAL SERVICE COORDINATION PROGRAM

Address: University of Missouri, 822 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Phone No.: (314) 822–4221.

Contact: John Pelham.

Title: 1440 Project Director.

Sponsors: University Extension Service of the University of Missouri, Missouri Department of Mental Health, and Community Mental Health Centers.

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Program Type: Stress management, counseling, and community education.

Funding: Federal, title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This project is one component of the umbrella mental health and job counseling project, "Coping With Hard Times," at the University of Missouri—Columbia. Mental health professionals will be placed in county extension offices to improve outreach and access by farm families and to enhance community education regarding the farm crisis. Activities include community programs on stress management, consulting with religious and community leaders who are working with farm families, establishing support groups, and making referrals to available resources.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 134

EDUCATION PACKAGE FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Address: University of Missouri, 822 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Phone No.: (314) 822–4221.

Contact: John Pelham.

Title: 1440 Project Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Youth and stress management.

Funding: Federal, title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This is a stress management program for rural youth using local schools and is one component of the umbrella mental health and job counseling project at the University of Missouri—Columbia.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 135

AMM VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

Address: La Belle Elementary School, La Belle, MO 63447.

Phone No.: (816) 462–3630.

Contact: Jay Williams.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Program Type: Job training and employment.

Funding: State and Federal vocational education funds.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This is an adult training program for dislocated adult workers, especially farmers, and there are 10 different vocational schools and community colleges offering programs in vocational aptitude and ability testing, and career counseling and placement. Tuition grants are available as are on-the-job training funds for area employers.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 136

YOUTH STRESS PROGRAM—"PROJECT RESPOND"

Address: University of Missouri, 822 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Phone No.: (314) 822–4221.

Contact: John Pelham.

Title: 1440 Project Director.

Sponsors: University Extension, University of Missouri, Lincoln University, Missouri Department of Health, and Community Mental Health Center.

Program Type: Youth, stress management, and community education.

Funding: Federal, title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.

Agency Type: University and Extension.

Description: This is a stress management program to assist youth and youth leaders in dealing with the adverse effects of stress from the farm crisis. Programs include a videotape program and discussion materials for classroom and in-service use, public forums about teen suicide and stress, 4–H teen camp counselor training on stress and helping friends, and family communication training for leaders of 4–H clubs and other youth organizations. It is one component of the umbrella mental health and counseling project, "Coping With Hard Times," at the University of Missouri—Columbia.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 137

INSTITUTIONAL HORTICULTURE PROGRAM

Address: University of Missouri, 822 Clark Hall, Columbia, MO 65211.

Phone No.: (314) 822–4221.

Contact: John Pelham.

Title: 1440 Project Director.

Sponsors: University Extension and University of Missouri.

Program Type: Supplemental farm income and marketing.

Funding: Federal, title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.

Agency Type: University and Extension.

Description: This program provides research into local institutional markets for fruits and vegetables. Several targeted communities will pilot a project to link horticultural producers with institutional buyers such as schools, hospitals, and nursing homes. It is one component of the umbrella mental health and job counseling project, "Coping With Hard Times," at the University of Missouri—Columbia.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 138

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Address: Northwest Missouri Area Vocational Technical School, 1515 South Munn, Maryville, MO 64468.

Phone No.: (816) 562–3022.

Contact: Muriel Zimmerman.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Northwest Missouri Area Vocational Technical School, Family Guidance Center, St. Joseph, MO, and Missouri Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Community education, stress management, credit, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University, Extension, and Nonprofit.

Description: This multiagency program provides information and assistance to farm families, rural businesses, and communities. Services are provided through seminars and workshops, response teams, and with training and informational materials. Major issues addressed are career assessment, bank closings, support groups, stress, and community education.

Materials: Handbooks and packets, and list of local resources.

Record No. 139

SUMMER '87 RURAL CRISIS PROJECT

Address: Columbia College, 10th and Rogers, Columbia, MO 65216.

Phone No.: (314) 875-7531.

Contact: Tom Sawyer.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Columbia College.

Program Type: Counseling, referral, advocacy, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program involves volunteers and professional social workers working in local communities offering direct counseling, assisting self-help groups, identifying local resources, and doing grassroots advocacy on behalf of farm families.

Materials: NA

Record No. 140

RURAL EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER HELP (REACH)

Address: 1600 Clarendon Road, P.O. Box 701, Sedalia, MO 65301.

Phone No.: (816) 826-2567.

Contact: Harlan "Mac" McGinnis.

Title: Project Coordinator.

Sponsors: Western Missouri Private Industry Council, Inc.

Program Type: Job training and placement, and referral.

Funding: JTPA, title III, Dislocated Workers Program.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program seeks to identify, recruit and assist dislocated farmers, ranchers and persons dislocated from agriculture related businesses. Participants receive skill training through area vocational technical schools and community colleges, on-the-job training with local employers, and job placement assistance.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 141

HORTICULTURAL LOAN PROGRAM

Address: Missouri Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 630, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Phone No.: (314) 751–5618.

Contact: Pauline King.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: The Missouri Department of Agriculture offers low interest loans to farmers unable to obtain financing from conventional sources at rates they can afford to pay. The loans must be used to develop or expand a farming operation with the production of horticultural crops.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 142

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING FOR DISLOCATED FARMERS

Address: Division of Job Development and Training, 221 Metro Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Phone No.: (314) 751–4750.

Contact: Bob Hall.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: State of Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Program Type: Job training and placement and counseling.

Funding: JTPA and State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program targets farmers, farmworkers, and agriculturally related workers for special JTPA activity. It focuses on farmers who have experienced foreclosure or bankruptcy and on farmers who lack the capital to remain in farming. Services include outreach, assessment, job training, job development, on-the-job training, classroom training, and relocation services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 143

MO BUCKS

Address: Office of State Treasurer, P.O. Box 210, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

Phone No.: (314) 751–5390.

Contact: Bob Gainey.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: State of Missouri.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a linked deposit program administered by the State treasurer that provides reduced interest rate loans to farmers. The reduced rates

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are made in order to help the farmer remain in business. The State treasurer deposits money at lending institutions at a rate 3 percent below normal rates. The lender in turn loans to eligible farmers at rates 3 percent below market loan rates.

Materials: NA.

MISSISSIPPI

Record No. 144

MEDIATION PROGRAM

Address: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Box 1609, Jackson, MS 39215.

Phone Nos.: (601) 359–3639; (800) 247–3871.

Contact: Linda Nelson.

Title: Mediation Coordinator.

Sponsors: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Program Type: Hotline, legal assistance, and referral.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a farmer/creditor mediation program to help resolve credit conflict in a constructive manner. Mediation is voluntary and can be initiated by either party. Trained professional mediators work in a neutral setting to develop a "memorandum of understanding." This program can be accessed by a toll-free hotline and callers are referred to appropriate agencies for assistance.

Materials: Directory of Services.

Record No. 145

MISSISSIPPI FARM CRISIS LINE

Address: P.O. Box 5446, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Phone Nos.: (800) 654–6237; (601) 325–3036.

Contact: Dr. Robert L. Williams.

Title: Leader, Extension Agricultural Economics.

Sponsors: Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Hotline and referral.

Funding: USDA and Mississippi Extension Service.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This is a program to provide assistance to farm families who are experiencing financial difficulties. The assistance that is provided consists of three types: (1) Financial and economic assistance; (2) legal assistance; and (3) employment assistance. Followup assistance is provided.

Materials: Education and training literature, videotapes, and printed material.

Record No. 146

FARM CRISIS WORKER PROGRAM

Address: Mississippi Department of Public Welfare, Jackson, MS 39215.

Phone No.: (601) 354–0341.

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Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Mississippi Department of Public Welfare.

Program Type: Human services and referral.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This agency has designated some department staff members as farm crisis workers to assist farmers and farm families in obtaining government assistance.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 147

MISSISSIPPI FARMERS' DIRECTORY

Address: Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Box 1609, Jackson, MS 39215.

Phone No.: (601) 359–3639.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Network.

Program Type: Referral and community education.

Funding: JTPA grant.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This booklet of the most commonly needed services was published and distributed for use by farmers and farm families.

Materials: Directory.

Record No. 148

MISSISSIPPI FARM CRISIS LINE

Address: P.O. Box 5446, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Phone Nos.: (800) 654–6237; (601) 325–3036.

Contact: Dr. Robert L. Williams.

Title: Leader, Extension Agricultural Economics.

Sponsors: Mississippi Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Hotline and referral.

Funding: USDA and Mississippi Extension Service.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This is a program to provide assistance to farm families who are experiencing financial difficulties. The assistance that is provided consists of three types: (1) Financial and economic assistance; (2) legal assistance; and (3) employment assistance. Followup assistance is provided.

Materials: Education and training literature, videotapes, and printed material.

MONTANA

Record No. 149

MONTANA CRISIS LINE "HOPELINE"

Address: Montana Advocacy and Farm Counseling Coalition, Box 5035, Wolf Point, MT 59201.

Phone Nos.: (406) 653–2492; (406) 773–5569.

Contact: Jo Ann Forsness.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Montana Advocacy and Farm Counseling Coalition.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline ("hopeline") referring farm families to food resources, social service agencies, mental health services, and attorneys. A list of private and legal services attorneys is available.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 150

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

Address: Rocky Mountain College, Tyler Hall, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102.

Phone Nos.: (406) 252–5138; (406) 252–5138.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Same.

Program Type: Hotline referral, legal assistance, stress management, and credit.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University and Church.

Description: This agency's hotline provides legal and financial assistance to farmers and ranchers. Assistance is provided by peer counselors and financial consultants. Direct legal assistance usually is not provided. Callers are referred to other hotlines and agencies for human services, mental health, and legal needs. The agency also coordinates workshops on borrower's rights, stress, bankruptcy, and other farm financial issues.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 151

NATIONAL SAVE THE FAMILY FARM COALITION

Address: P.O. Box 414, Circle, MT 59215.

Phone Nos.: (406) 485–3324; (406) 485–3490.

Contact: Helen Waller.

Title: President.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, advocacy, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

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Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service for farm families. It also distributes legal education materials. Its primary work, however, is advocating State and Federal legislation to address the farm crisis.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 152

NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL

Address: 419 Stapleton Building, Billings, MT 59101.

Phone No.: (406) 248–1154.

Contact: Teresa Erickson.

Title: Staff Director.

Sponsors: Community organizations.

Program Type: Referral, community education, and credit.

Funding: Private grants and membership dues.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency offers credit/borrowers' rights workshops for farmers and ranchers. It also conducts community workshops aimed at increasing the general awareness of the farm crisis. The agency is actively involved in grassroots community organizing, especially around coal development issues.

Materials: Legal education materials and slide shows.

Record No. 153

MONTANA AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Address: Montana Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Livestock Building, Helena, MT 59620.

Phone No.: (800) 722–3276.

Contact: Keith Kelly.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Montana Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, farm management, counseling, and credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program assists farmers and ranchers who are financially distressed by providing assistance and counseling to manage farm credit problems, to avoid liquidation, bankruptcy or foreclosure, and to cope with resulting stress. A toll-free hotline referral service provides callers with access to the program and other resources. Financial consulting by trained members of the agricultural finance community helps farmers with financial statements, budgeting, and cash-flow. Peer counseling is also available. Specially trained individuals provide impartial debt mediation assistance. In addition, limited legal information assistance is provided.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 154

MONTANA ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

Address: Rocky Mountain College, Tyler Hall, 1511 Poly Drive, Billings, MT 59102.

Phone No.: (406) 252-5138.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Montana Association of Churches.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, legal assistance, credit, and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This agency's hotline provides legal and financial assistance to farmers and ranchers. Assistance is provided by peer counselors and financial consultants. Direct legal assistance usually is not provided. Callers are also referred to other hotlines and agencies for human services, mental health, and legal needs. The agency also coordinates workshops on borrower's rights, stress, bankruptcy, and other financial issues.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 155

PROJECT FRESH START

Address: Montana Farmers Union, P.O. Box 2447, Great Falls, MT 59403.

Phone No.: (406) 452-6406.

Contact: Dennis McOmber.

Title: Project Director.

Sponsors: Montana Farmers Union.

Program Type: Job training and placement.

Funding: Federal.

Agency Type: Private.

Description: This is a job training and placement program for displaced farmers and ranchers. It provides participants with on-the-job training, assistance in finding employment, and classroom training. Supportive services are also available for relocation expenses, mandatory tools, uniforms, et cetera. Some of the topics in classroom training include self-assessment, goal determination, resume development, interviewing skills, job search, and aptitude evaluation.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 156

AGRICULTURAL LOAN LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM

Address: Montana Board of Investments, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59620.

Phone No.: (406) 442-1970.

Contact: Phyllis Kasperson.

Title: Security Analyst.

Sponsors: State of Montana.

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Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program permits deposit of State investment funds in local financial institutions to make credit available for farmers and ranchers at a more favorable interest rate. Loans may not exceed $50,000 at a fixed rate not exceeding 3 percentage points greater than the rate of interest payable on the State's certificate of deposit. To be eligible an applicant must derive at least 70 percent of total gross income from agriculture and have a debt-to-asset ratio exceeding 30 percent.

Materials: NA.

NORTH CAROLINA

Record No. 157

LAND LOSS PREVENTION PROJECT

Address: 216 West Trinity Avenue, P.O. Box 179, Durham, NC 27702.

Phone Nos.: (800) 672–5839; (919) 682–5959.

Contact: Sylvia White.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, credit, referral, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency provides legal information assistance in the areas of farm credit, bankruptcy, and land loss.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 158

FARM SURVIVAL PROJECT

Address: P.O. Box 1029, Pittsboro, NC 27312.

Phone No.: (919) 542–5292.

Contact: Betty Bailey.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Rural Advancement Fund.

Program Type: Legal assistance, credit, referral, research, stress management, and human services.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This project provides financial and personal counseling and referral services to distressed farmers in North and South Carolina. Members provide advice on appeals with FmHA, Federal land banks, and other creditors. The organization conducts workshops and seminars on farm credit and stress management. They also distribute funds for emergency needs and are involved in an international seed genetic research program.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 159

NORTH CAROLINA RURAL REHABILITATION CORPORATION

Address: P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Phone No.: (919) 733–2113.

Contact: Alan Lewis.

Title: Secretary/Treasurer.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This agency offers financial (loan) assistance to low income rural individuals who are farming or involved in related enterprises. It participates with FmHA in making loans to family farmers. Grants are also made to 4–H clubs, and to local chapters of the FFA and Future Homemakers of America.

Materials: NA.

NORTH DAKOTA

Record No. 160

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

Address: Grand Forks County Extension Service, Box 1616, Court House Annex, Grand Forks, ND 58201.

Phone No.: (701) 780–8229.

Contact: Dale W. Edwards.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Grand Forks County Extension Service.

Program Type: Community education and counseling.

Funding: Extension Service.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program is located in Grand Forks County, North Dakota. It is a self-help group, assisted by the County Extension Service, that provides emotional support to members and offers community workshops and seminars on local rural topics.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 161

NORTH DAKOTA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Address: North Dakota State University, 321 Minard, Fargo, ND 58105.

Phone No.: (701) 237–7085.

Contact: Dr. William Woods.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Center for Community Education, North Dakota State University.

Program Type: Community education and human services.

Funding: Private foundations and State.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program helps rural communities address the farm crisis by developing local trained leadership. A local advocacy council selects an intern to be trained as a community coordinator. Training is provided by the

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center for continuing education with a focus on community education, social services, and recreation.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 162

DAKOTA RESOURCE COUNCIL

Address: 29 7th Ave. West, Dickinson, ND 58601.
Phone Nos.: (701) 227–1851; (701) 252–3416.
Contact: NA.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Referral, community education, farm management, and advocacy.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency refers callers to various services and hotlines. It primarily attempts to organize rural people to effect legislative change at the Federal and State levels. Its farm preservation project also works to enforce North Dakota's corporate farming law and to educate the public on soil erosion and groundwater contamination. The council provides information and organizing assistance to local groups.

Materials: Legal education materials, booklets, worksheets, factsheets, and slide shows.

Record No. 163

NORTH DAKOTA RURAL COPING PROJECT

Address: North Dakota State University, P.O. Box 5819, Ceres Hall, Room 209, Fargo, ND 58105.
Phone No.: (701) 237–7106.
Contact: Richard Chenowith.
Title: NA.
Sponsors: Division of Continuing Studies, North Dakota State University.
Program Type: Community education and youth.
Funding: Private funding and churches.
Agency Type: University.

Description: This project is a series of programs to help rural people cope with the depressed economy. One program offers seminars for rural families on facing tough decisions and strengthening family bonds. Another project provides educators with information on how to work with youth under stress.

Materials: Workbooks and videotape.

Record No. 164

FARM LAW REFERRAL PROGRAM

Address: Box 2136, Bismarck, ND 58502.
Phone Nos.: (800) 932–8880; (701) 225–1406.
Contact: Les Torgerson.
Title: Executive Director.

Sponsors: North Dakota State Bar Association.

Program Type: Hotline, legal assistance, and referral.

Funding: North Dakota State Bar Association.

Agency Type: Private.

Description: This hotline is operated by the State Bar Association and provides legal assistance and referral services to farm families.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 165

FARMERS HOTLINE/FARM STRESS WORKSHOP

Address: Mental Health Association of North Dakota, P.O. Box 160, Bismarck, ND 58502.

Phone No.: (701) 255–3692.

Contact: Mort Armstrong.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Mental Health Association of North Dakota.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, stress management, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a 24-hour toll-free crisis intervention line for farm families. It also offers farm stress workshops and technical assistance to county officers. Materials are provided to credit counselors, clergy, extension, mental health professionals, and job service employees.

Materials: Manuals and training materials.

Record No. 166

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Address: Job Service of North Dakota, P.O. Box 1537, Bismarck, ND 58502.

Phone No.: (701) 224–3066.

Contact: Neil Fricke.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Community education and referral.

Funding: Job Service of North Dakota.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This multiagency project involves the development of a directory of resources and assistance available to rural people facing economic problems. The directory has been widely distributed to State agencies and professionals who serve rural people.

Materials: Directory of services for rural people.

Record No. 167

FARM FINANCIAL ANALYST PROGRAM

Address: North Dakota State University, 301 Morrill Hall, Fargo, ND 58105.

Phone No.: (701) 237–9227.

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Contact: Arlene Leholm.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service—North Dakota State University.

Program Type: Farm management.

Funding: Grants and tuition.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program provides one-on-one financial analysis assistance to farmers. The analysts, full-time farmers, develop a detailed financial plan that includes balance sheets, income statements, cash-flow plans, and enterprise budgets.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 168

FARM CREDIT COUNSELING/CREDIT REVIEW BOARD

Address: North Dakota Department of Agriculture, Bismarck, ND 58201.

Phone Nos.: (800) 642–4752; (701) 224–2061, Credit Review Board; (701) 224–4769, Farm Credit Counseling.

Contact: Harry Iszler, Farm Credit Counseling; contact Frank Kirschenheiper, Credit Review Board, Chairman, title, Director, Credit Review Board.

Title: Harry Iszler, Director, Farm Credit Counseling Program.

Sponsors: North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, credit, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This State agency offers a special hotline service with 48 counselors hired to provide credit counseling to farmers and to negotiate with lenders. Callers are also referred to attorneys, food resources, job services, and mental health programs. The negotiators, who are fellow farmers and ranchers, help their clients evaluate their options and work out settlements which will allow the farmer to continue operation.

Materials: NA.

NEBRASKA

Record No. 169

WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE GROWING THROUGH EDUCATION (WAGE)

Address: Metro Community College, P.O. Box 3777, Omaha, NE 68103.

Phone Nos.: (800) 228–9553; (402) 449–8386.

Contact: Bernice Hanks.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Job training and placement, women, and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This four-county program offers vocational counseling for women affected by the farm crisis who are seeking a new job. Seminars and

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workshops on resume writing, job interview techniques, self-esteem, stress management, and nontraditional careers are provided, as are job training and placement services.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 170

NEBRASKA EDUCATION INFORMATION CENTER NETWORK

Address: Nebraska Library Commission, 1420 P St., Lincoln, NE 68508.

Phone No.: (402) 471–3434.

Contact: Mary Jo Ryan.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Nebraska Library Commission and Nebraska Coordinating Commission on Post-Secondary Education.

Program Type: Community education, referral, and job training and placement.

Funding: W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program seeks to build a statewide communication, information, and referral network of public and private sector agencies. This network serves adults, with the largest group being individuals in transition due to the farm crisis. The network focuses on education, career, and job concerns.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 171

FARM CRISIS HOTLINE/RESPONSE

Address: Interchurch Ministries of Nebraska, Box 383, Walthill, NE 68067.

Phone Nos.: (402) 846–5578; (402) 476–3391.

Contact: Kathleen Severens.

Title: Coordinator.

Sponsors: Churches.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, advocacy, counseling, human services, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit, church.

Description: This program is a cooperative effort of more than 40 groups and organizations in Nebraska. The hotline program began in October 1984, with thousands of farm and ranch families having been directly served by trained staff people from the central office and in the field. The full staff are located around the State and provide personal contact and counseling to farm families on personal, financial, stress, and legal matters. Both the hotline and the field staff refer individuals to available resources. This agency is actively involved in developing support groups and food pantries. Educational workshops and public awareness media programs have been developed and offered throughout the State. Mediation services between farmer and creditor are available.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 172

FARM CRISIS COMMITTEE

Address: 1300 South Main St., Emerson, NE 68733.

Phone No.: (402) 695–2862.

Contact: Betty Fuchser.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Community education, human services, referral, and advocacy.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description:

Materials: Monthly newsletter.

Record No. 173

STUDENTS AGAINST FARM ECONOMY (SAFE)

Address: NE.

Phone No.:

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Youth, community education, and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This youth organization provides group sessions that allow youth to share with peers their experiences caused by the farm crisis.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 174

CENTER FOR RURAL AFFAIRS

Address: P.O. Box 405, Walthill, NE 68067.

Phone No.: (402) 846–5428.

Contact: Don Ralston.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Center for Rural Affairs.

Program Type: Community education, referral, advocacy, and farm management.

Funding: Grants from private foundations and donations.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency is actively involved in both educating the public about the farm crisis and pushing for legislative action. It provides information and technical assistance to government or nonprofit agencies and individuals regarding issues of the farm crisis. They also offer a model for farm families to evaluate conventional farm management practices, helping them evaluate and implement alternative crops, technologies, and management strategies.

Materials: Newsletter.

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Record No. 175

AGRICULTURE-IN-TRANSITION PROGRAM

Address: Job Training of Greater Nebraska, 941 "O" Street, Suite 500, Lincoln, NE 68508.

Phone No.: (402) 471–3181.

Contact: David T. Anderson.

Title: Coordinator.

Sponsors: Job Training of Greater Nebraska.

Program Type: Job training and placement, referral, farm management, legal assistance, and stress management, and supplemental farm income.

Funding: U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This nationally recognized program is designed to meet the training and employment needs of individuals displaced due to a failing agricultural economy. Services are provided through regional offices of Job Training of Greater Nebraska at six agricultural action centers located at community colleges. Through the regional offices, services include recruitment, career assessment, counseling, support and emergency services, classroom and skill training, job placement, job development, and entrepreneurial training. The agricultural action centers provide farm and ranch management assistance, financial evaluations and counseling, legal assistance counseling, and supplemental income opportunity counseling.

Materials: NA.

NEW MEXICO

Record No. 176

NEW MEXICO RURAL SUPPORT NETWORK

Address: P.O. Box 1268, Clovis, NM 88101.

Phone No.: (505) 463–4733.

Contact: Chet Wyatt.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: New Mexico Conference of Churches.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, counseling, credit, and farm management.

Funding: Farm Aid, Inc.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a farm crisis hotline and referral service which provides information and financial counseling to farmers.

Materials: NA.

NEW YORK

Record No. 177

FARM STRESS HOTLINE

Address: Brentwood Farm, RD 2, Box 202, Schoharie, NY 12157.

Phone No.: (518) 872–1958.

Contact: Arlene Shako.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

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Program Type: Hotline, referral, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Private.

Description: Arlene Shako is a farmer with a master's degree in counseling who provides free counseling and crisis intervention for farmers. She can be reached by calling the hotline number 24 hours a day.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 178

DISLOCATED FARMER RETRAINING PROGRAM

Address: New York Department of Labor, Building 12, Room 162, State Office Building Campus, Albany, NY 12240.

Phone No.: (518) 457–0361.

Contact: Carol June-Washington.

Title: Director, Office of Grants Management.

Sponsors: New York Department of Labor.

Program Type: Job training and placement and counseling.

Funding: JTPA and State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This statewide program provides retraining, job search, placement, on-the-job training, and counseling services for farmers.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 179

NEW YORK FARM NET

Address: Cornell Cooperative Extension, Cornell University, N131 Mur, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Phone Nos.: (800) 547–3276; (518) 455–2244.

Contact: Jane McGonigal.

Title: Co-Director.

Sponsors: Cornell Cooperative Extension, County Cooperative Extension Association, and New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Program Type: Counseling, credit, farm management, hotline, human services, legal assistance, referral, and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: Farm Net is one component of New York Department of Agriculture's "farm family assistance program" to assist farmers facing financial stress. It is an information/referral system with a toll-free hotline. Farm Net attempts to refer families to appropriate local sources of help for employment, counseling, and social service needs. Callers seeking family financial or farm management/business assistance will be contacted by either a trained local extension agent or a trained part-time business counselor. A pool of part-time business counselors have been hired and trained for this effort. A packet of legal assistance information is available, and if appropriate, referral to an attorney is made.

Materials: NA.

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Record No. 180

FARMING ALTERNATIVES PROJECT

Address: Cornell University, Department of Agricultural Economics, 443 Warren Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Phone No.: (518) 455–2244.

Contact: Jane McGonigal.

Title: Co-Director.

Sponsors: Cornell Cooperative Extension, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Program Type: Farm management, supplemental farm income, marketing, and community education.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This project is designed to provide information and programs on agricultural diversification and enterprise development. Materials have been developed for use by extension staff and farmers who wish to change or add new agricultural operation or pursue new marketing strategies. A series of four regional workshops were offered focusing on the process of analyzing, planning, and developing a new farm based enterprise.

Materials: Several publications on alternative farm enterprises.

Record No. 181

FARM FAMILY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Address: State University College at Delhi, Room 204, Thurston Hall, Delhi, NY 13753.

Phone No.: (607) 746–4106.

Contact: Margaret Tyler.

Title: Program Coordinator.

Sponsors: SUNY at Delhi.

Program Type: Referral, counseling, credit, legal assistance, farm management, supplemental farm income, job training and placement, and stress management.

Funding: Private industry, Council of Delaware, Otsego and Chenango Counties, A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation, Agway Foundation, and Gannett Foundation.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program is designed to help farmers to stay in business or to make a successful transition to a new career. On-farm one-to-one visits are made by the Program Coordinator. The program then offers assistance in budgeting, refinancing, financial planning, stress management, legal affairs, and personal and family counseling. It also works with farmers on diversification.

Materials: NA.

OHIO

Record No. 182

FAMILY FARM MOVEMENT

Address: 113½ N. Scioto St., Circleville, OH 43113.

Phone No.: (614) 474–6622.

Contact: David Jordon.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and human services.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline service providing referrals to various resources and to private attorneys. Free seed is sometimes offered.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 183

FARM BUSINESS PLANNING AND ANALYSIS PROGRAM

Address: OH.

Phone No.:

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Farm management.

Funding: JTPA.

Agency Type:

Description: This JTPA funded program provides farm management assistance and computer analysis of their financial problems. Farmers get classroom and one-on-one training.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 184

FARM CRISIS HOTLINE

Address: Cooperative Extension Service—Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

Phone No.: (614) 292–4077.

Contact: David Miskell.

Title: Acting Assistant director.

Sponsors: Cooperative Extension Service—Ohio State University.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, credit, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: The Extension Service operates a toll-free hotline/referral service supported by "immediate response" teams of extension agents and

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specialists to assist farmers facing financial crisis. Legal assistance is available from an in-house agricultural law expert, Dr. Paul Wright.

Materials: NA.

Note.—This program was discontinued. The above phone number is a working phone and may be used for further information relating to Cooperative Extension Service aid to Ohio farmers.

OKLAHOMA

Record No. 185

AGRICULTURAL LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM

Address: State Treasurer, Oklahoma City, OK 73146.
Phone No.: (405) 521–3191.
Contact: Royce Hunter and Steve Wilkerson.
Title: Supervisors.
Sponsors: State Treasurer's Office.
Program Type: Credit.
Funding: State.
Agency Type: State.

Description: This loan program administered by the State treasurer provides lower interest loans to persons engaged in producing, processing, or marketing alternative agricultural products, or to a distressed farmer or rancher who has developed a management plan through the Extension Services's intensive financial planning and management support program. The program attempts to diversify Oklahoma's agricultural industry and broaden the State's economic base. Eligibility standards exist for "Alternative Agricultural Product" and "Distressed Farm or Ranch Business." The State invests State funds at a rate below current market rates. Such investment funds are then made available to eligible borrowers at below market rates.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

Record No. 186

OKLAHOMA AGRICULTURE MEDIATION PROGRAM

Address: Ag-Link Coalition, P.O. Box 60288, Oklahoma City, OK 73146.
Phone Nos.: (800) 248–5465; (405) 525–2928.
Contact: Max Glenn.
Title: Director.
Sponsors: Oklahoma Conference of Churches, and Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.
Program Type: Legal assistance and farm management.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Church.

Description: This program, a component of the dispute resolution program of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, is administered by the Ag-Link Coalition. Farmers and ranchers are first referred to the intensive farm management program (IFMAPS) where financial specialists help families analyze their financial condition and prepare for mediation. All creditors are encouraged to participate in the mediation process. The farmer is then referred to a regional dispute mediation center for scheduling of the mediation. Certified volunteer mediators oversee the process with the financial specialist assisting the mediator in finding solutions. Cost of mediation is $5 per participant.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

Record No. 187

AG-LINK COALITION

Address: Oklahoma Conference of Churches, P.O. Box 60288, Oklahoma City, OK 73146.

Phone Nos.: (800) 248–5465; (405) 525–2928.

Contact: Max Glenn.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Oklahoma Conference of Churches.

Program Type: Legal assistance, hotline, referral, community education, advocacy, and counseling.

Funding: Farm Aid, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, local and national churches, individuals, organizations, and businesses.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency is a coalition of a variety of government agencies, religious groups, individuals, businesses, and organizations to respond to the crisis faced by farmers, ranchers, and rural communities. It operates a toll-free hotline referral service providing direct crisis intervention, referrals, counseling, and emotional support. It provides a vital link to available local resources. It gives legal guidance and refers callers to available legal services. It also encourages the formation of support groups with professional counselors available. It operates and supports the Oklahoma Bar Association Farm Lawyer Referral Service, a panel of 150 agriculture attorneys.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

Record No. 188

EXTENDED INTENSIVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING PROJECT

Address: Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, 139 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078.

Phone Nos.: (405) 624–6081; (1–800) 522–3755.

Contact: Ross Love.

Title: Extension Farm Management Specialist.

Sponsors: Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, farm management, counseling, and stress management.

Funding: USDA, Federal, title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: Section 1440 program helps farm families through in-depth farm and family financial management, education, and emotional support systems. Assistance is provided through workshops and one-on-one settings by professionals, paraprofessionals, volunteers, and support groups. A toll-free hotline service is available. 600 families have used the program to prepare individual financial statements, followed by whole farm planning using alternative strategies and the "Integrated Farm Financial Statements" microcomputer software. A farm analysis involves determining business strengths, weaknesses, and available options. Legal, tax, marketing, and emotional assistance is also available. Team members often assist farmers in negotiations with lenders and 80 workshops have been held on financial management and planning as have training sessions for clergy, lawyers, home economists, bankers, Vo-Tech instructors, and attorneys.

Materials: Educational, videotapes, software, and television.

Record No. 189

OUTRIDER PROGRAM

Address: Department of Mental Health, Capitol Station, P.O. Box 53277, Oklahoma City, OK 73152.

Phone No.: (405) 271-7474.

Contact: Dr. Glenn Wallace.

Title: Western Region Program Manager.

Sponsors:

Program Type: Counseling and stress management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program in northwest Oklahoma is designed to increase the outreach effectiveness of mental health services to distressed farm families. Mental health professionals go out from their central office to county seats, villages, farms, homes, and community centers to increase contact with farm families.

Materials: Newsletter Series, "Strategies for Farm Families in Tough Times".

Record No. 190

OKLAHOMA HELPING HAND

Address: Cooperative Extension Service, 139 Agricultural Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078.

Phone No.: (405) 624-5400.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Program Type: Farm management, counseling, economic development, off-farm income, and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This is an Extension Service program established to work with farm families and rural communities affected by the farm crisis. Project areas include farm financial and operational management assistance, business management assistance to community business, community development and management, family communication, and off-farm income.

Materials: NA.

PENNSYLVANIA

Record No. 191

STRESS DOWN ON THE FARM

Address: Cooperative Extension Service, 323 Agricultural Admin. Bldg., University Park, PA 16802.

Phone Nos.: (814) 865–0455; (814) 863–3438.

Contact: James E. Van Horn.

Title: Project Director.

Sponsors: Penn State University—Cooperative Extension Service and Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Program Type: Counseling and stress management.

Funding: Partially funded by Penn State Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

Agency Type: University, Extension.

Description: This program is designed to provide information and assistance to agricultural extension agents in dealing with the effects of stress on farmers and farm families. It is a four part program: (1) Five learn-at-home units for enclosure in mailings to farmers and farm groups; (2) Speakers manual; (3) Newsletter notes; and (4) Meeting notes—masters for overhead transparencies and camera and ready handout materials.

Materials: NA.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Record No. 192

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CUMAP)

Address: Clemson University, 291 Barre Hall, Clemson, SC 29634.

Phone No.: (800) 922–7486.

Contact: Dan Smith.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Clemson University Cooperative Extension Services.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, credit, marketing, and counseling.

Funding: Federal grant.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This extension program aims to help farm families accurately assess their financial status and identify alternatives. The program provides one-on-one counseling. A trained quick response team advise on farm business and financial management matters, computerized financial analysis, farm management and marketing alternatives, assistance in identifying alternative careers to farming, and referrals to appropriate agencies. There is also a toll-free hotline service.

Materials: NA.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Record No. 193

PROJECT "CRUNCH"

Address: Benedictine Family Services, 1000 W. 4th St., Yankton, SD 57078.

Phone No.: (605) 665–1056.

Contact: Mary C. Curran, Ph.D., OSB.

Title: Executive Director.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Stress management and counseling.

Funding: Sliding scale fees or grants dependent on ability to pay.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This program provides individual and group support to farm families dealing with stress related to the farm crisis. Nonthreatening opportunities that provide contact with therapists or other individuals offering similar skills are arranged. Sessions on stress management and biofeedback are offered.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 194

FARM HELP

Address: P.O. Box 1388, Huron, SD 57350.

Phone Nos.: (800) 262–3210; (605) 352–6761.

Contact: Bill Bullard.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: South Dakota Farmers Union.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, advocacy, and legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This program offers a hotline service referring farm families to local food resources, support groups, attorneys, mental health services, and job services. The program also provides advocate training sessions and an advocate computer network.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 195

CAREER LEARNING CENTER

Address: Turn-About, Inc., 1011 West 11th, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

Phone No.: (605) 335–4327.

Contact: Teri Shepard.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Job training and placement and referral.

Funding: JTPA, Minnehaha County, private industry, individuals, and civic organizations.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency provides assistance to individuals in job transition. Special programs have been developed for farm families experiencing foreclosure or loss. Program areas include job seeking skills, career planning,

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self-esteem building, job referrals, on-the-job training, paid work experience, employment and educational testing, and GED preparation.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 196

RURAL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Address: West River Mental Health Center, 350 Elk St., Rapid City, SD 57701.

Phone No.: (605) 343–7262.

Contact: Dr. Val Farmer.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: West River Mental Health Center.

Program Type: Community education, stress management, farm management, referral, and counseling.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This is a program of primary prevention and direct service programs for farm and ranch families. Activities include: use of media to promote rural mental health, management consultant services, direct counseling and evaluation, and lectures and workshops for rural families, mental health professionals, and other providers.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 197

SINGLE PARENTAL HOMEMAKER PROJECT

Address: Northeast Area Schools Multidistrict Co-Op, HCR 78, Box 7B, Lemmon, SD 57638.

Phone No.: (605) 374–5278.

Contact: Susan Gunn.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Job training and placement, off-farm income, and women.

Funding: South Dakota Office of Sex Equity.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program is a 60-hour workshop for women, including farm women, returning to the workforce of seeking home based business opportunities. Workshop topics include time and money management, skills assessment, career exploration, resume writing, interviewing skills, financial aid availability, goal setting, self-esteem, and communications.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 198

ANNUAL RURAL SYMPOSIUM

Address: Mount Marty College, 1105 West 8th St., Yankton, SD 57078.

Phone No.: (605) 668–1584.

Contact: Str. Laurina Kaiser.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Mount Marty College.

Program Type: Community education.

Funding: Grants and admissions fees.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This is a one day program, operated since 1977, that focuses on issues related to the farm crisis, small towns, or farms, and on possible activity at the local, State, and Federal levels.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 199

MULTIPLE ENTRY PROGRAM

Address: Mitchell Vocational Technical School, 821 North Capital, Mitchell, SD 57301.

Phone No.: (605) 996-5017.

Contact: Myron Sonne.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Mitchell Vocational Technical School.

Program Type: Farm management and marketing.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: This program is designed for farmers to upgrade their business and management skills. Courses are offered every 4 weeks and farmers may attend on a part-time or full-time schedule. Typical course topics include: production practices, marketing, accounting, taxes, insurance, and agricultural law.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 200

RURAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Address: Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office, 445 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.

Phone Nos.: (800) 228-5254; (605) 773-3375.

Contact: Randy Englund.

Title: Rural Development Officer.

Sponsors: South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Job training and placement and off-farm income.

Funding: South Dakota Department of Agriculture, South Dakota Department of Education, Division of Vocational Education.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program provides stipendiary assistance to farm and ranch families who have been forced out of business or have lost employment and need training or education to replace their income. Assistance is offered to farm and ranch families who need training or education to earn off-farm income to subsidize farm income to continue their operation. One participant per family receives a stipend to subsidize family living expenses while attending an approved institution at the rate of $3.35 per hour of actual

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classroom attendance. Up to $300 maximum is allowed per month. Eligibility requirements must be met.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 201

McKENNAN RURAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Address: McKennan Hospital, 800 East 21st St., Sioux Falls, SD 57117.

Phone No.: (800) 331–2273 in-State; (1–800) 233–1558 out-of-State.

Contact: Dr. Howard Burns.

Title: Director of Emergency Services.

Sponsors: McKenna Hospital.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and counseling.

Funding: McKenna Hospital.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This hotline is for distressed farmers and their families and is operated by McKennan Hospital. Hospital emergency room employees answer the hotline. A community volunteer, contacted with the caller's name and number, calls the person needing help and refers that person to community resources.

Materials: Printed material is available.

Record No. 202

LOAN PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Address: South Dakota Department of Agriculture, 445 E. Capitol, Rural Development Office, Pierre, SD 57501.

Phone No.: (605) 773–3375.

Contact: Randy Englund.

Title: Rural Development Officer.

Sponsors: South Dakota Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit and community development.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: Under this program the department of agriculture works with local lenders in financing projects to help revitalize South Dakota's agricultural sector, by purchasing up to 80 percent of a new loan. The maximum interest rate is 10 percent and maximum length is 10 years. Projects must demonstrate potential of adding value to, or creating innovative uses for agricultural products, especially those in surplus. Loans may also be used to help develop viable new agricultural products and markets, or enhance economic viability of applicant's community. Loans cannot be used to refinance existing debt, or for real estate, livestock, or farm operating loans.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 203

LEGAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Address: South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Rural Development Office, 445 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501.

Phone Nos.: (800) 228–5254; (605) 773–3375.

Contact: Randy Englund.

Title: Rural Development Officer.

Sponsors: South Dakota State Bar Association, South Dakota Department of Agriculture, and University of South Dakota Law School.

Program Type: Legal assistance.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This joint effort provides legal assistance and information to farmers and ranchers regardless of their ability to pay. Approximately 130 attorneys have volunteered to provide legal counsel to eligible farmers or ranchers at no cost, or for one-half of their usual fee. Even though those who donated their services can be reimbursed for actual costs (telephone, travel, court costs), only a few have applied for reimbursement.

Materials: NA.

Note.—This program is no longer in existence.

Record No. 204

RURAL RENAISSANCE

Address: South Dakota Department of Agriculture, Anderson Bldg., Office of Secretary, Pierre, SD 57501.

Phone Nos.: (800) 228–5254; (605) 773–3375.

Contact: Randy Englund.

Title: Rural Development Officer.

Sponsors: Governor's Office.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, and credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: The Rural Renaissance Program is not a "new program," but a program directed by the Governor to coordinate existing programs and resources of State agencies to assist and train farmers and ranchers in financial distress. Primary coordination responsibility lies with the Department of Agriculture, while primary outreach and contact is with the Cooperative Extension Service. A toll-free hotline at the Department of Agriculture provides information and referral services. A directory of services has been created along with extensive training of State agency staffs.

Materials: Education and training literature.

TENNESSEE

Record No. 205

MANAGE

Address: Agricultural Extension Service, P.O. Box 1071, Knoxville, TN 37901.

Phone No.: (615) 974–7271.

Contact: Dr. Clark Garland.

Title: Project Leader.

Sponsors: University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, farm management, credit, counseling, stress management, and off-farm income.

Funding: Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service and USDA Extension Service.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program, created in 1986, is a multifaceted program focusing on how to manage a farm business, farm credit, farm family finances, and stress. Operated by the Extension Service, farm management specialists assist farm families with financial difficulties. Over 1,000 farm families have been provided a comprehensive financial analysis of their farm operation and family financial situation. County extension staff help the management specialists in the implementation of the farm plans: FINPACK computer programs are actually used. Workshops have been provided emphasizing farm records and financial planning. A toll-free hotline provides information on farm financial management, stress management, family financial management, job training, and emergency services. Referrals are made to appropriate agencies for followup.

Materials: FINPACK computer program, teaching aids and materials, and educational packet on off-farm income.

TEXAS

Record No. 206

TEXAS FARM CRISIS HOTLINE

Address: P.O. Box 4096, Austin, TX 78765.

Phone Nos.: (512) 929–8321; (800) 247–4243.

Contact: Nancille Gallimore.

Title: Administrator.

Sponsors: Texas Conference of Churches and Texas Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, community education, referral, legal assistance, counseling, stress management, credit, and advocacy.

Funding: Farm Aid, Texas Rural Legal Aid, Milbern Travel of Austin Texas, Texas churches, and private individuals.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This nonprofit agency operates a toll-free hotline and referral service for farmers and ranchers. Referrals are made for legal assistance to a list of over 1,000 attorneys through a toll-free number (800) 252–9690, to family and psychological counselors, to food pantry organizations and other local emergency resources, and to financial counselors. The hotline works closely with county JTPA programs and also serves as a mediator between farmers and lenders. The hotline organizes seminars and support groups across Texas.

Materials: Pamphlets on bankruptcy, loan deferrals, tax consultations, Homestead laws, FmHA programs, "Farmers' " guide to FmHA.

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OFFICE OF FARMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Address: Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711.

Phone No.: (512) 463–7679.

Contact: Leland Beatty.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Texas Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, community education, and referral.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This office, within the Texas Department of Agriculture, is responsible for the dissemination of information to farmers and ranchers and for developing recommendations for changes that benefit agriculture. It also has a hunting clearinghouse linking farmers and ranchers with land to lease with interested hunters, a high level nuclear waste dump project, and high school debate handbooks in agricultural policy. It also provides considerable in-kind support and coordination services for the farm crisis hotline and it publishes pamphlets and reports on a wide variety of issues.

Materials: Reports, brochures, and high school debate handbook.

Record No. 208

DIRECT MARKETING PROGRAM

Address: Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711.

Phone No.: (512) 463–7554.

Contact: Gus Townes.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Texas Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Farm management and marketing.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program has two components; farmers markets and direct wholesaling. The farmers market program provides technical and organizing assistance to producers, consumers, local officials, business people, and community organizations to create new farmers markets or expand existing ones. The direct wholesaling program assists small-scale producers to sell directly to major commercial buyers.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 209

FAMILY FARM AND RANCH SECURITY ACT

Address: Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711.

Phone No.: (512) 463–7574.

Contact: Mike Miller.

Title: Coordinator.

Sponsors: Texas Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Credit.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program provides loan guarantees to qualified ranchers and farmers seeking to buy land for agriculture use. It is designed to help young people and tenant farmers become land owning producers and to facilitate intergenerational transfers of land.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 210

THE DISPLACED RURAL FAMILY PROJECT

Address: Texas Department of Community Affairs, P.O. Box 13166, Austin, TX 78711.

Phone Nos.: (512) 834–6000; (800) 252–9642.

Contact: Gary T. Dick.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Texas Department of Community Affairs.

Program Type: Job training and placement, counseling, and youth.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This program assists rural families, farmers, businesses, and communities with the adjustments occurring due to the farm crisis. It helps individuals through career assessment, skills development, classroom, and on-the-job placement. There are five major components: Small business development, career assessment, homemaker, children, and retiring. Each community served by the project has a local task force to oversee the program, identify problems, and target solutions. The program has an 88 percent placement rate, and one-third of the participants are farm wives.

Materials: NA.

VIRGINIA

Record No. 211

VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Address: 2321 Westwood Ave., Richmond, VA 23230.

Phone No.: (804) 353–5587.

Contact: James W. Turner.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Virginia Council of Churches.

Program Type: Referral and human services.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This agency distributes Farm Aid money for emergency needs to farm families and provides referrals to other resource organizations.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 212

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PROGRAM

Address: Virginia State University, Box 540, Petersburg, VA 23803.

Phone No.: (804) 520–6421.

Contact: C.V. Turner.

Title: Administrator.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Farm management and credit.

Funding: Extension and FmHA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: The 1980 extension program at Virginia State University provides financial counseling, financial analysis and planning, farm records and production management services. Most are small farmers who are FmHA borrowers.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 213

FARM CRISIS HOTLINE

Address: Department of Agriculture, Economics, VPI and SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061.

Phone Nos.: (703) 961–6845; (703) 961–5446.

Contact: James M. Moore.

Title: Associate Professor, Extension Economist, Farm Management.

Sponsors: Department of Agriculture, Economics, VPI and SU.

Program Type: Hotline and referral.

Funding: Department budget.

Agency Type: University.

Description: A program to better serve the distressed farm families of Virginia.

Materials: Printed materials available.

VIRGINIA—Continued

Record No. 214

RURAL VIRGINIA, INC.

Address: P.O. Box 105, Richmond, VA 23201.
Phone No.: (804) 782–9438.
Contact: Rick Cagan.
Title: Executive Director.
Sponsors: NA.
Program Type: Referral, advocacy, and community education.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This nonprofit membership organization provides information and technical assistance to any organization or individual on rural issues and the farm crisis. A quarterly newsletter and issue reports are published.

Materials: Newsletter.

Record No. 215

FARM FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Address: Department of Agriculture, Economics, VPI and SU, Blacksburg, VA 24061.
Phone No.: (703) 961–6847.
Contact: Dr. Gerald W. Warmann.
Title: Associate Professor, Extension Economist, Farm Management.
Sponsors: Department of Agricultural Economics and VPI and SU.
Program Type: Farm management.
Funding: NA.
Agency Type: University.
Description:
Materials: NA.

VERMONT

Record No. 216

RURAL VERMONT

Address: 15 Barre St., Montpelier, VT 05602.
Phone Nos.: (1–800) 327–6371 in-State; (802) 223–7222.
Contact: Anthony Pollina.
Title: Director.
Sponsors: Rural Vermont.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, advocacy, community education, counseling, and legal assistance.

Funding: Grants and donations.
Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency's efforts are in four major areas: (1) Operation of hotline/referral service; (2) Organizing local farm advocate groups who provide counseling and assistance to farm families; (3) Organizing meetings of farmers to discuss and initiate political activity on farm issues; and (4) Conducting community education programs on the agricultural and rural issues.

Materials: Printed materials available.

Record No. 217

RURAL AND FARM FAMILY VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Address: Morrill Hall, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405.

Phone No.: (802) 656-3013.

Contact: Daryl E. Lowry.

Title: Supervisor.

Sponsors: University of Vermont Extension Service and Vermont Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Program Type: Referral, counseling, job training and placement, and farm management.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This program provides direct and referral services to rural and farm families, with a specific focus on physically or mentally disabled and vocationally handicapped members. Types of assistance include vocational information and counseling, assistance in dealing with physical and mental problems, assistance with farm and land use problems, education and training, financial counseling, and social services information. A family is visited by an agency staff member who conducts a thorough analysis of health problems and family resources and capabilities. From that information a vocational rehabilitation plan is developed.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 218

VERMONT FARM PROJECT

Address: Morrill Hall, University of Vermont Extension Service, Burlington, VT 05405.

Phone Nos.: (802) 656-3021; (802) 656-0259.

Contact: Julee Flood.

Title: Project Coordinator.

Sponsors: University of Vermont Extension Service.

Program Type: Farm management, counseling, referral, supplemental farm union, off-farm income, and job training and placement.

Funding: Title XIV, section 1440, Food Security Act of 1985.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description:

Materials: NA.

WASHINGTON

Record No. 219

MANAGING FOR SUCCESS

Address: Cooperative Extension Service, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99163.

Phone No.: (509) 335-2882.

Contact: Gayle Willett.

Title: Program Director.

Sponsors: WSU Cooperative Extension.

Record No. 219—Continued

Program Type: Farm management, stress management, and counseling.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: Extension.

Description: This extension program is designed to help farmers and ranchers better gather, organize and analyze financial farm information. Intensive training is provided in the use of FINPACK programs. Workshops are offered on analyzing current farm financial position and long-run alternatives, stress management, and family financial management.

Materials: Educational materials available.

Record No. 220

FARM AND FAMILY RESOURCE GUIDE

Address: Washington State Department of Agriculture, 406 General Administrative Building, AX–41, Olympia, WA 98504.

Phone No.: (206) 586–3668.

Contact: Bob Lee.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Washington State Department of Agriculture, Washington State University Cooperative Extension, Washington State Department of Employment Security, and Human Services.

Program Type: Referral, community education, and outreach.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This is a directory of government, educational, and human resource services available in the State of Washington for farmers and their families. This is the first time that such information has been compiled and published for farmers.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 221

TO MARKET TO MARKET—AGRICULTURE MARKETING PROGRAM

Address: Washington State Department of Agriculture, 406 General Administrative Building, AX–41, Olympia, WA 98504.

Phone No.: (206) 753–5046.

Contact: Art Scheunemann.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: Washington Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Marketing.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: State.

Description: This State marketing program attempts to increase business opportunities for growers without duplicating private sector efforts. It offers assistance in five key areas of market development: communication, product promotion, marketing research, governmental interface, and education.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 222

IMPACT CENTER

Address: College of Agriculture and Home Economics, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164.

Phone No.: (509) 335–6653.

Contact: Dr. Desmond O'Rourke.

Title: Director.

Sponsors: Washington State University, State of Washington.

Program Type: Marketing.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: University.

Description: Established in July 1985, the Center was designed to harness science and technology in solving impediments to Washington exports of agricultural products and uncovering new or expanded opportunities for Washington agricultural products in export markets. The Center conducts research on international marketing problems and on specified industry marketing problems. Workshops and seminars are conducted, publications are distributed, and hands-on technical and marketing assistance is provided.

Materials: NA.

WISCONSIN

Record No. 223

FARMERS HOTLINE

Address: WI.

Phone No.: (800) 654–5202.

Contact: NA.

Title: NA.

Sponsors: NA.

Program Type: Hotline and referral.

Funding: NA.

Agency Type: Church.

Description:

Materials: NA.

Record No. 224

WISCONSIN FARM UNITY ALLIANCE

Address: P.O. Box 303, Glenwood City, WI 54013.

Phone Nos.: (715) 265–4747; (715) 265–4311.

Contact: Doug Harsh.

Title: President, Wisconsin Farm Unity Alliance.

Sponsors: State Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, advocacy, and counseling.

Funding: Churches and Farm Aid.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Record No. 224—Continued

Description: This agency operates a hotline and referral service for farmers, but is also a grassroots farmers organization working on voter education, legislative change, foreclosure sale rallies, counseling, and credit mediation.

Materials: Legal education materials.

Record No. 225

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE HOTLINE

Address: 801 W. Badger Road, Madison, WI 53708.

Phone Nos.: (800) 362–3020; (608) 266–2678.

Contact: Pam Raschein.

Title: Farm Credit Adviser Coordinator.

Sponsors: Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

Program Type: Hotline, referral, and legal assistance.

Funding: State.

Agency Type: State.

Description: To assist farmers in need and to connect them with possible resources.

Materials: Printed materials available.

WYOMING

Record No. 226

OLDEN PRAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH

Address: General Delivery, 4992 Road 226, Burns, WY 82053.

Phone No.: (307) 246–3293.

Contact: Rev. James Brown.

Title: Pastor.

Sponsors: Olden Prairie Baptist Church.

Program Type: Credit, counseling, community education, and human services.

Funding: Contributions.

Agency Type: Church.

Description: This religious congregation has developed a community support group for emotional and practical support, a confidential community gift fund from church offerings for those in need, and agriculture crisis relief fund supported by donations from businesses, churches, foundations, and individuals which provide interest-free loans to farmers.

Materials: NA.

Record No. 227

WYOMING RURAL SUPPORT NETWORK

Address: P.O. Box 1121, Torrington, WY 82240.

Phone Nos.: (307) 532–5142; (307) 532–2996.

Contact: Nedalyn D. Testolin or Martha Weygint, Associate.

Title: Executive Director.

Sponsors: NA.

WYOMING—Continued

Record No. 227—Continued

Program Type: Hotline, referral, community education, counseling, job training and placement, human services, and advocacy.

Funding: Grants, Farm Aid, State contracts, and private contributions.

Agency Type: Nonprofit.

Description: This agency operates a hotline/referral service for Wyoming farm and ranch families, providing information, referral and direct assistance on legal, financial, emotional, employment, family, and emergency matters. The network has organized county support groups to provide one-on-one assistance to farmers and ranchers and to organize informational meetings, distribute educational materials, and keep up-to-date information on available resources. The network has published a resources directory that has been distributed statewide. It also has been a catalyst in promoting public education regarding the farm crisis and encouraging legislative response such as the Wyoming Agriculture Mediation Service Act of 1987. They have also worked with Farm Aid and other contributors to provide food, medicine, and utilities for rural people.

Materials: Resource directory and educational materials.

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